



# Colleen Thomas Selected to Lead Planning and Infrastructure Division

## *Press Release*

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) is pleased to announce that Colleen Thomas has been selected as the Tribe's Planning and Infrastructure Department Director. Colleen's selection follows the retirement of Ernie Thompson on Monday, *Ohiarikhó:wa*/July 1, 2019 after more than 20 years guiding the development and completion of the Tribe's assorted construction and capital improvement projects.

"I thank my colleagues and co-workers for their support and look forward to the opportunity to continue working in cooperation to realize our community's development and infrastructure needs," said new Planning & Infrastructure Director Colleen Thomas. She added, "It is an honor to be selected to lead a team of focused and devoted individuals who are committed to building a stronger community through various tribal construction projects."

For the past six years, Thomas served as the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Capital Projects Manager where she helped coordinate and oversee multiple construction projects; including the Ionkwakiohkwaróron Tribal Administration Building, Margaret Terrance Memorial Way Road Extension, Health Services Expansion and Renovation Project, and a new Tribal Construction Building, among other projects.

She has been instrumental in impelling the Tribe towards energy efficiency and sustainability. Some of her prior work experience also includes Construction Manager and Architectural Design Supervisor for the Tribe, as well as Project Manager for the Powell Design Group based in Orlando, Florida.



*A "high-caliber" leader, Colleen Thomas begins her new role as Planning & Infrastructure Director*

"Colleen is a high-caliber leader who possesses the managerial skills, strategic vision and proven experience to develop, implement and administer various infrastructure and construction projects," shared Tribal Executive Director Tsiorasa Barreiro.

As the new Planning and Infrastructure Director, Thomas will provide her management skills and work expertise in overseeing the strategic planning of tribal construction projects in meeting the ongoing growth of the Akwesasne community. She will provide leadership and oversight to the Tribe's Planning and Infrastructure Programs in the areas of Public Works, Capital Projects and Construction.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Planning and Infrastructure Department is located at 2817 State Route 37 in Akwesasne and can be reached at (518) 358-4205, or stop by their office between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for assistance. ♦



# Good Words of Welcome



*Shekon Sewakwekon- Buds to Blossoms*

Another season is upon us, with summer finally making an appearance. It was a long-awaited arrival that followed the enjoyment of watching foliage of the trees and flowers slowly blossom. First tiny colored red, brown, green bulges emerged, the first sign of the impending arrival of new buds. Florets then became visible and extended themselves from the branches and other growth. In some cases, flowering trees blossomed into amazing colors, revealing fuchsia and whites amid their bright green leaves. I see this natural progression each year and relate it to the ongoing growth of our community.

Our children and grandchildren have ended the school year and now move onto their next school year full of color, energy and vitality. Many of the parents sewed and beaded regalia to adorn their outfits for graduation — what a great experience and sight to see. From Head Start, to elementary, to high school and then on college and university. How is it that our children are blossoming into adults so quickly? I am proud that the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe has services and programs available to help facilitate our children's natural transition into adulthood however; we need more funding, more space, and more individuals willing to fulfill our community's growing needs. I believe we can and we should be able to fill these positions with our own community members.

Our Education Division is helping our children blossom and changed the way services are offered. The Tribal Learning Assistance Program (TLAP) has been created to ensure success for all. It's a one-stop-shop and gives any community member access to every service their division provides. If you are looking for employment or education, the Intake Coordinator can help at the same time with any needs you or your children may have.

Another enhancement is the Early Learning Center (ELC, formerly called ECDP) that provides resources and referrals to programs working with young children. They offer a childcare center that provides services to children six-weeks through five-years-old.

To identify the most suitable option, the Home-based Child Care and Subsidy Coordinator works with families to ensure the health, safety and well-being of our community's most cherished asset — our children.

To help our community to continue blossoming however, we need professional tradespeople and skilled laborers. Our iron workers, heavy equipment operators, carpenters, electricians', clerk of the works, and many other trades people are the foundation of our work force, similar to spreading roots. We also need teachers, nurses, doctors, lawyers, architects, administrative personnel and, don't forget, we need botanists, farmers and cooks. Who says you can't be an astronaut, a scientist, a world leader?

A renovated and expanded state-of-the-art medical building is also starting to blossom and will be completed around January 2020, with health programs transitioning before that time in four phases. We are asking for your continued patience, as this will be challenging, yet exciting, for all. The new medical building has plenty of space to enhance their existing services — providing better quality care for clients.

We are fortunate to have so many tribal programs that can be utilized to help nurture our own future. Whether it is education, home improvement, employment, vocational, finance and many more. Within each of those programs are caring and compassionate individuals helping support and guide the ongoing growth of our buds into the beautiful bouquet that we know as "Akwasasne."

*"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." ~ Albert Einstein*

Sub-Chief Sweets Jacobs

### ***Tribal Learning Assistance Program (TLAP)***

The SRMT Education Division has changed the way services are offered. Services including Child Care, Child Care Subsidy, Youth Services, Higher Education, Employment and Training are now combined under the new Tribal Learning Assistance Program (P.L. 102-477). Tewentahawih'tha' Cole, Intake Coordinator, can assist you with the TLAP application. It will give you access to every service SRMT Education Division provides.

You can stop by the office located on the first floor of the *Ionkwakiohkwaró:ron* Tribal Administration Building. Schedule an appointment by calling (518) 358-9721 ext. 2275 or e-mail [education@srmt-nsn.gov](mailto:education@srmt-nsn.gov). ♦



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### ***Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders***

The Office for the Aging will be assisting the National Resource Center on Native American Aging (NRCNAA) in which the goal is to identify and increase awareness of the evolving Native elder health and social issues here in our community. The NRCNAA in North Dakota, along with National Centers in Alaska and Hawaii, exist to help raise the quality of life for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders.

Staff members will be reaching out to assist on interviewing those who are eligible, 55 and older, by going over a survey, *Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders*. Great value is placed upon our elders and these interviews will help us better understand their health and social needs. Confidentiality of our enrolled members and tribal data is of the upmost importance; therefore, information from the surveys will be collected anonymously and information will be stored at the NRCNAA located at the University of North Dakota.

These surveys will be administered around the month of July and will take roughly 30 to 45 minutes to complete. minutes long. They will be going over personal health and social issues with the elders in which all questions are optional. Visit [NRCNAA.ORG](http://NRCNAA.ORG) or call (800) 896-7628 to learn more about NRCNAA projects and services. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, contact Lorealee LaFrance (518) 358-2963 or Mason Panuelo (843) 360-4678. ♦





# Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council Adopts Residency Ordinance

## Press Release

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council signed Tribal Council Resolution #2019 - 28 on Wednesday, *Ohiarikhó:wa*/July 3, 2019 adopting a Residency Ordinance that was passed by tribal referendum on *Ohiarí:ha*/June 1, 2019. Tribal members voted 493 in favor of the Tribal Council adopting the ordinance, with 217 votes in opposition and 28 votes voided. The Residency Ordinance establishes written laws governing the conditions under which non-tribal members may reside on tribal lands.

The law has been under discussion for years; with more than a dozen community meetings and an opinion poll that culminated in a formal survey under the direction of SUNY Potsdam's Institute of Applied Research. SUNY Potsdam assisted in developing and distributing 13,641 surveys to all tribal members; which included questions provided by community members for membership to consider.

"The overall health, safety and well-being of the community is a priority for the Tribal Council and we wanted to ensure that each member was provided a voice," remarked Tribal Chief Eric Thompson. Chief Thompson noted, "Given the importance of this topic, a broad survey was conducted and the integrity of the survey's findings were maintained and analyzed."

The results of 1,204 completed surveys indicated that 72% of respondents favored development of a residency law, which was drafted with further input from membership and presented in Spring 2019 at three public meetings. Approximately 70% (69.4% actual) of tribal voters ultimately approved the Tribal Council adopting the Residency Ordinance in a tribal referendum held on *Ohiarí:ha*/June 1st.

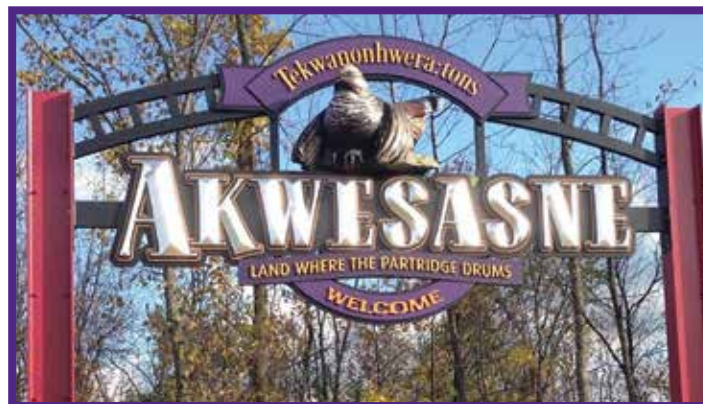
"I thank tribal members for expressing their concerns for increased public safety, including the need to determine who can and cannot reside within the community," shared Tribal Chief Beverly Cook. Chief Cook added, "I also thank those who participated in the lengthy consultation process and contributed to the ordinance's development."

Following the ordinance's adoption, the Tribal Council will now move forward with its implementation through a callout for interested members to serve on an initial Residency Board. A callout will be posted for five board members who will be appointed to three-year concurrent terms. Future board members will be elected to staggered terms.

"Safeguarding the peace and safety of the community is an important responsibility and I encourage those interested in helping this effort to consider applying for the initial Residency Board," shared Tribal Chief Michael Conners.

The role of the initial Residency Board is to develop the by-laws and procedures, forms and applications, as well as permits needed to fully implement the ordinance. No Residency permits will be issued until the board is seated and the appropriate measures have been taken, including community educational meetings on the ordinance's requirement and permit process.

To view the Tribal Residency Ordinance, please visit the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's website at [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov). You can locate additional information on the Tribal Members Portal; including the survey results and analysis, as well as other reports and presentations previously provided on residency. ♦



# Borderlines

## Syracuse University Student Journalists Explore Culture and Complexities in Akwesasne

By Denita Ireland, Communications Specialist

Akwesasne is a hub of family, athletics, art and cultural restoration. Our community represents the unwavering resilience of Kanien'kéha values in an ever-evolving climate.

Together we exceed our goals and continue to find ways to connect our strong past with our promising future. Akwesasne frequently hosts curious guests who are interested in our dynamic community.

Investigating international socio-economics of communities along the United States and Canadian border, students from Syracuse University S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications recently visited Akwesasne for a firsthand experience of our unique territory. Student reporters included photojournalists, writers and regular contributors to the program's student-run online publication, The Newshouse.

The Communications students compiled their stories for The Newshouse project, *Borderlines*. Among accounts of international business owners, immigration and urban renewals, *Borderlines* features a section titled, "The First". "Long before Europeans came to America, the Mohawks lived and thrived on the land that now forms the border between northern New York and Canada," it reads. "That border now splits the Mohawk Nation territory of Akwesasne in two."

Journalists reached out to tribal members and leadership and were able to explore subjects like education, veterans, governance and language. Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) Executive Director Tsiorasa Barreiro had the opportunity to discuss benefits of gaming with digital journalist Quinn Gawronski. "We want to work for what we have," Barreiro is quoted, pictured driving Gawronski through Margaret Terrance Memorial Way.



*Matt Rourke, Chief of Police for Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police shows student journalist the pillar marking the U.S. – Canada border behind his parents' house. Photo by Molly Gibbs for TheNewshouse.*

Gawronski's piece, *Mohawks Use New Casino Wealth to Buy Back Ancestral Land, Fund Social Programs* articulates the synergy between Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort (AMCR) to the benefit of Akwesasne through various programs. She

touches on the Tribal Learning Assistance Program (TLAP) – SRMT Education Division and the delicate balance of state/province required curriculum and Haudenosaunee culture in the classroom.

Micah Castelo meets with teachers from Akwesasne Freedom School, discussing the importance of *Kanien'kéha* in the everyday lives of our youth. She reports on the opinions of both students and teachers on the idea of a high school in Akwesasne territory. "We want to not forget our natural practices and traditional practices with the language," says teacher Tara Skidders.



In *A Foot in Two Worlds*, author Lauren Miller reports on an Akwesasne teen navigating the near-completion of high school, an especially confusing time for Mohawk students as they weigh their post-secondary options away from the territory.

Dartmouth College graduate Dwight Bero, Jr. shares his past experiences leaving Akwesasne for education in Gabe Stern's *Hole in the Wall: Inside the American Legion on the Border*. Now holding a master's degree from University of Minnesota-Duluth, Bero Jr. describes the fulfillment his connection to our community brings him.

Newspaper and Online Journalism junior Gabe Stern met Bero Jr. with his father Dwight Bero, Sr. at American Legion Post 1479. Dwight Sr. is a veteran of the United States Army and has been an incredible influence in Akwesasne for many years. A recipient of the Community Recognition Award, Bero Sr. is honored as a local hero after saving a child's life. His story is of interwoven family values and positive coaching.

Borderlines journalists further explore nationality, border issues and other complex topics *Akwesashró:non* face every day. Featured on a platform with immeasurable reach, the student articles reflect the multifaceted stories of our community. As with any reporter to our community, they had a lot to process and synthesize, but our visitors were respectful and inquisitive.

With over 4,700 applicants per year, the Newhouse School is a leading communications school accredited through the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC).

The articles mentioned can be found online at [www.thenewshouse.com/borderlines/](http://www.thenewshouse.com/borderlines/). For more information on Borderlines and the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, visit <https://newhouse.syr.edu>. ♦



*Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Executive Director Tsiorasa Barreiro discusses Benefits of Gaming with student journalists.  
Photo by Quinn Gawronski for TheNewshouse.*



*"Borderlines" explores the educational paths young Akwesashró:non choose to take.  
Photo by Lauren Miller for TheNewshouse.*

# Public Safety

## Keep Water Activities Fun and Safe

*By: Denita Ireland, Communications Specialist*

Our waterways are the heart of Akwesasne in the summer months: fishing, boating and swimming are the perfect way to beat the heat and spend time with our favorite people. From the powerful St. Lawrence river to your family pool, safety must always be our top priority with water activities. Here are some important water safety tips to share with friends and family:

### ***Boating Safety:***

Older children are more likely to drown in open water sites, such as lakes, rivers and oceans. Parents must establish non-negotiable water safety rules and enforce them consistently. Children should be trained in safety behavior even before they are skilled swimmers. Swimming lessons are an important step, but they do not make the child “drown-proof.”

- Always wear an approved lifejacket that fits securely regardless of distance to be traveled, size of boat, or swimming ability. Wear a lifejacket when participating in all water sports.
- Tell someone where you are going, when you will be back and take a cell phone. A float plan can include the following information: name, address, and phone number of driver and passengers; boat type and registration information and trip itinerary
- No diving unless you know proper diving techniques and the water is over 9 feet deep.
- Watch for dangerous weather & water conditions. Never mix boating with alcohol.



*A properly fitting life jacket is a summer essential.  
Make sure the jacket is not torn or leaking and is  
appropriate for your child's weight.*

### ***Safety for pools and beaches:***

Always watch children. Never assume that someone else is watching them, even when lifeguards are present. If your child is missing, check the pool or lake first. Go to the edge and scan the entire area, bottom and surface. Every second counts.

- Young children do not splash, cry or call for help.
- Teach children to always swim with a buddy, never alone.
- Teach children not to reach into the water for toys, ask a grown-up for help.
- Fences around home pools are a safe measure, but not a guarantee.
- Do not rely on substitutes. The use of floatation devices and inflatable toys cannot replace parental supervision.
- Teach children that swimming in open water is not the same as swimming in a pool. They need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, ocean undertow and changing weather.
- Infants and young kids are at a higher risk for hypothermia, so if you are taking a baby on a boat, just take a few extra precautions to keep your baby warm. If your children seem cold or are shivering, wrap them tightly in a dry blanket or towel.
- We know you have a million things to do, but learning CPR should be on the top of the list. It will give you tremendous peace of mind – and the more peace of mind you have as a parent, the better.

Information by Safe Kids Worldwide. For more information, visit <http://safekids.org>. ◇



# Tribal Invasive Plant Management Initiative

*By Jessica Raspitha, Natural Science Manager*

As you travel throughout Akwesasne and the surrounding area, you may have noticed that as the years pass, we are seeing less and less of the beloved cattail in our wetlands. While cattails themselves are a resilient species, they are slowly being pushed out and replaced by invasive phragmites. Invasive phragmites, or common reed, is a wetland grass species that grows and spreads rapidly, and is one of the most aggressive non-native plants impacting the Great Lakes Basin. It is a particularly resilient species that has a number of negative effects on the environment including the loss of native plant species; the destruction of habitat for birds, reptiles and amphibians; and the degradation of wetlands.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division has recently completed the first year of a multi-year invasive plant project targeting invasive phragmites. This project began in 2018 with a survey to determine the location and presence of invasive phragmites located in the southern portion of Akwesasne. There were over 500 sites identified, and of those, 194 were identified as priority due to their proximity to wetlands. Preventing further spread and growth is challenging since it is able to spread through seed distribution, as well as through root fragments when the ground is disturbed.

With landowner consent, the 194 priority sites were mapped and measured during the growing season, and treated using an herbicide that has been approved for wetland application in New York State. Herbicide application occurred during late summer to take advantage

of the nutrient transport function of the plant which moves nutrients into the roots as they prepare for overwinter dormancy. In waiting until the end of summer, most native plants will have already died off for the season, and there will be less wildlife activity, which minimizes potential impacts to other species. The herbicide used is broken down within a few days by microbial organisms in soil, and within two weeks, the plant is able to be removed. Plants were removed over the winter months (January - March) of 2019 while the roots were frozen in place so that the dead biomass of the treated plants could be cut and burned on site.

Due to the persistence of this plant, we expect that there will be re-growth over the summer of 2019, and control methods will be repeated with the hope of returning some of the impacted areas back to their original state, populated by native plant species.

If you have any question about the project, or would like to know more about identifying and managing invasive plant species that may be on your property, please contact Jessica Raspitha at the SRMT Environment Division by calling (518) 358-5937, or by emailing [jessica.raspitha@srmt-nsn.gov](mailto:jessica.raspitha@srmt-nsn.gov). ♦



*Student Interns, Tianna Back and Kaeliana Smoke collecting site data in 2018.*

# Scam Alert!

*Submitted by Stacy Skidders, National Grid Community Liaison*

Did you know summertime is the hottest season for scammers?

Falling victim to a scam is more common than you think – in 2018 the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) collected 2.4 million fraud reports.

Scammers have been contacting customers and claiming to be from National Grid. Although scenarios vary, the person might claim to be from National Grid and advise the customer that they have a past due utility bill. The FTC are receiving several reports of phone scams, including 25% off future bills. These calls are actually not from National Grid and are used as a way for scammers to obtain account information. If you ever feel something is not right, hang up immediately and call the National Grid phone number listed on your bill.

If you believe you or someone you know has fallen victim to a scam, contact National Grid and report the scam to your local law enforcement officials immediately.

## ***Some tips to keep in mind:***

- Verify that you are speaking with a National Grid representative. One way to do this is to ask the representative to confirm the last five digits of your National Grid account number.
- National Grid representatives will always have your account number. Never offer that information.
- If the caller has any questions about account balance or fish for help with information, hang up immediately.



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- National Grid may ask for payment over the phone, but they will always allow you to choose the method of payment.
- National Grid will not contact customers demanding immediate payment by wire transfer such as Moneygram, Green Dot Money-Pak or any other pre-paid card service.
- Never – under any circumstances – offer personal or financial information to someone who you cannot identify.
  - Every National Grid employee carries a photo ID card, and any contractor doing work for the company is also required to carry ID. If someone requesting entry into your home or place of business does not show an ID card, don't let that person in and call National Grid or law enforcement.
- Scammers might also contact you by email and attempt to lure recipients by clicking on a link, visiting a malicious website, revealing account information, or calling a phone number.
- If you do not feel safe challenging a suspicious person, don't. The best thing to do is keep yourself out of harm's way and call authorities.

Community members are always welcome to call National Grid Community Liaison Stacy Skidders for any account information questions. She can be reached at (518) 358-5842 or [stacy.skidders@nationalgrid.com](mailto:stacy.skidders@nationalgrid.com). ♦



# Community Engagement:

## Akwesasne Stomp Out Hunger

*By Denita Ireland, Communications Specialist*

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA), Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort (AMCR) and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) came together to join Mohawk Indian Housing Corporation (MIHC) in the SRMT Office of the Family Advocate Program's 2nd Annual Akwesasne Stomp Out Hunger Event.

*Akwesasne Stomp Out Hunger* was an opportunity for community members to donate non-perishable food items to the Akwesasne Food Pantry and stop for a bite to eat with family and friends. Volunteers had fun serving hot dogs, chips and drinks and competed in a dance-off with the hotdog mascot, Communications summer intern Raienkonnis Edwards.

Family Advocate Everett Lazore hosted the event with the help of his and MIHC staff. "Community members need help with food," explains Everett, "a growing number of people come to our office so we started a food bank for the community."

Kevin LaFrance, MIHC Program Assistant, explained the synergistic approach to the collection and distribution of donated food. "The SRMT, MCA and AMCR; they're bringing all the food in to us, we're storing it in our warehouse and soon, possibly next week, we will be handing it out."

SRMT, AMCR and MCA participated in a friendly competition to donate the most food on event day. Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe staff led

the competition, donating more than 2,300 lbs. of food toward the grand total of 4,140 lbs.



*Staff from the Office of the Executive Director joined Family Advocates with just some of the food donated by Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe employees.*



*Volunteer Kameron LaFrance judges a dance-off between Hotdog Raienkonnis Edwards and volunteer Aaliyah White. Yes, the hot dog won!*

"The winner is the community," said Kevin, "it's all going back to the community." The day also included prize giveaways to community members who stopped in with donations. Fair passes, concert tickets and an inflatable float were raffled off to happy donors.

After a successful day under the Memorial Lacrosse Box, the goods were loaded up and taken to MIHC with the help of SRMT Executive Director's Office and MIHC staff.

While non-perishable goods are collected constantly, the Akwesasne Food Pantry prepares for their monthly distribution nights by ordering freezer items from regional food banks. Non-perishable, non-expired food donations are welcome at any time.

Volunteers are more than welcome to assist in distribution; processing family sign-ups and preparing food boxes. Distribution takes place every third Tuesday of the month and requires photo ID and proof of address.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Family Advocate Everett Lazore at (518) 358-2272 ext. 2402 or email [everett.lazore@srmt-nsn.gov](mailto:everett.lazore@srmt-nsn.gov). ◇

# Akwesasne Celebrates Ionkwakiohkwaró:ron Grand Opening

*By Brendan White, Communications Director*

It was a beautiful start to the summer and to a new chapter for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. Held on one of the most pleasant days so far this year, the community of Akwesasne and invited guests came together to mark the grand opening of the new Tribal Administration Building Ionkwakiohkwaróron (Gathering Place of the People) on Ohiarí:ha/June 7, 2019.

The need for a new building to replace the former-Community Building became evident during the past decade, but planning for a newer, larger facility took place over the past several years. Poor ventilation, limited egress, redundant wiring, compromised supports and other safety concerns necessitated a more suitable work environment and community space.

Approximately 400 individuals came to celebrate the official opening of the new three-story building that now stands in the heart of the Akwesasne community. Located at Generations Park, the facility will house 110 employees and serve as the central location for dozens of tribal programs, administrative and government offices.

The building would not have been possible however, without the generosity of the late-Margaret Terrance, who bequeathed 42 acres of land to the Tribe for the betterment of the community. Her generosity was recognized during the ceremony, as well as commemorated through a recent road extension project that now bears her name — Margaret Terrance Memorial Way.

“Margaret Terrance was a very caring and generous person who loved her community,” remarked Tribal Executive Director Tsiorasa Barreiro during the event. “She worked very hard during her life to advance employment opportunities for our people. In many ways, she was the original Akwesasne Employment Resource Center,” Barreiro added about her efforts to help improve the livelihood and well-being of her fellow community members.

Barreiro was joined by members of the Tribal Council in sharing their own sentiments about the start of a new chapter for the Akwesasne community, as well as religious and traditional leaders in echoing a communal effort. St. Regis





Catholic Church's Father Jerome Pastores blessed the building, while Mohawk Nation Bear Clan Mother Louise Herne shared an impactful message meant to heal decades-old divisions.

"We need to stand together, and the only way we can do that is to be together in moments like this, and to see beyond our own hurts," shared Herne. "The children are watching us. Let's not transfer our story onto the next generation. Let's own it, apologize for it, and move on," added Herne before receiving a standing ovation from several hundred fellow community members.

Herne's words resonated amongst the crowd and was appropriately followed by a song performed by Akwesasne *Ratirennahawis's* (The men who carry the songs) Steven King and Ian Clute. Joined by Tribal Chief Eric Thompson, the group sang the Round Dance as hundreds of community members and invited guests locked hands and danced as one before the new building.

Rasentonkwa Tarbell had the honor of closing, as well as opening, the event with his recitation of the *Ohen:ton Karihwaterhkwén* (Thanksgiving Address). Personal tours of the new Tribal Administration Building were provided immediately afterward, along with a luncheon.

On behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, *niarwenkó:wa* to everyone who attended and to the following vendors who contributed towards helping fulfill Margaret Terrance's vision of our community members caring for one another: Midnight Confetti,

TNT Deli & Convenience, Hurlbut Tent Rental, Boots Tents and Tables, Tina's Pride Cancer Group, Three Feathers Internet Café, Charlie Cakes and Gunnie Davey, K&G Cuisine and Catering, Akwesasne Mini Mart, Big Russ' and Three Feathers Internet Café. ♦



*USDA's Brian Murray presented an original painting of the two-row wampum to Tribal Council.*



*Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs Bear Clan Mother Louise Herne shared a message of unity and healing old divides.*



*Ratirennahawis singers Steven King and Ian Clute led the round dance.*

# Tribal Council Resolutions (TCRs)

Onerahtókha/April 10 to Ohiarikhkó:wa/July 3, 2019

*Editor's Note: Tribal Council Resolutions are the recorded decisions of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council on matters requiring a formal expression of such decisions. Some examples include; but are not limited to; adoption and amendment of tribal ordinances or laws that do not require referendum vote, approval of grant applications, appointment of Administrators of estates and conduct of day-to-day tribal business operations requiring a written record of Tribal Council approval. (Source: Tribal Procedures Act, adopted by referendum, Ohiarí:ha/June 1, 2013.)*

TCR 2019-12	Appoint an Election Board Alternate	TCR 2019-23	Authorize Indian Health Service to Enter into PL 93-638 Title V Construction Agreement to Administer Sanitation Facilities. Project Number: NS-19-H26
TCR 2019-13	Authorize Participation in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment	TCR 2019-24	Authorize Indian Health Service to Enter into PL 93-638 Title V Construction Agreement to Administer Sanitation Facilities. Project Number: NS-19-RN1
TCR 2019-14	Authorize Participation in the Older Americans Act - Title VI, Parts A & C	TCR 2019-25	Reappoint Associate Justice Patricia Lenzi to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court of Appeals
TCR 2019-15	Authorize the SRMT Police Department to Seek Funds from the BIA Indian Highway Safety Law Enforcement Grant	TCR 2019-26	Authorize Office of Economic Development to Seek Funds for Economic Development Feasibility Funding from the Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) for Art Park Development
TCR 2019-16	Approve the Amendment to Solar Farm Lease to Akwesasne Housing Authority	TCR 2019-27	Update Signing Authority for Grant Awards, Funding Agreements, Modifications, Contracts, Land Transactions and Checks
TCR 2019-17	Authorize Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant Program Submission to the U.S. Department of the Interior	TCR 2019-28	To Adopt the Tribal Residency Ordinance
TCR 2019-18	Recognizing the Importance and Effectiveness of Trauma-Informed Care	TCR 2019-29	Reappoint Chief Judge Michele Mitchell and Associate Judge Karla General to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Court of Appeals
TCR 2019-19	Approve Removal of Liability Owed by Mohawk Networks, LLC and Akwesasne TV, LLC	TCR 2019-30	Reappoint Kurt Fetter to the Judicial Oversight Commission ◇
TCR 2019-20	Approving and Authorizing Execution of the Tax-Exempt Loan Agreement and Related Matters		
TCR 2019-21	Authorize Office of Economic Development to Apply for Planning Assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency - Recreation Economy for Rural Communities		
TCR 2019-22	Request Inclusion of Roads and Update Priority List		



# Crystal: Healing or Harmful

*By Angela Benedict, Air Quality Program Manager*

The definition makes it seem harmless and beautiful (sparkly-like) defined as “highly transparent glass with a high refractive index”. By itself, yeah, it would be harmless and could be actually healing, but put a METH after it and now you have a different story. You’re probably asking yourself why would an airhead be talking about crystal meth; it’s a drug.

True, it’s a drug but it’s a drug that produces toxics when made and smoked. And that’s where this airhead comes in. When it’s smoked or made in a home or a car, the residual toxins can affect infants, children or elders. Most people know that being exposed to pollutants like the ones associated with making or smoking meth are bad but what you might not know is that the toxics stay in soft surfaces like furniture or carpets. It also stays on walls and hard surfaces too. Just washing down walls or painting over it doesn’t prevent exposing people to it.

I recently found out that there is a test for it now. In the past, we were just hopeful there was no residue in a home, now we can have a positive or negative test done. The test kit is simple: gloves, sample tube, wipes and sample frame.

So what’s in meth residue making it so bad? The residue can cause the same symptoms as actually using meth by being absorbed through the skin. The contaminants you might find in a home are volatile organic compounds (VOC’s), explosives, acids, bases, metals and chemical salts.

Exposure to VOCs may cause symptoms such as nose and throat irritation, headaches, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion and breathing difficulties. Benzene is a VOC known to cause cancer.

Acids or bases will cause a burning sensation on the skin and in mucous membranes, and can cause severe eye damage. Exposure to metals and salts can cause a wide range of health effects including respiratory irritation, decreased mental function, anemia, kidney damage and birth defects. Lead and mercury are particularly hazardous.

Another thing I learned was that there is a solution you can buy to help decontaminate a home that has been tainted. We don’t promote one company over another so I’m just going to say you can search online to find a company. There are not a lot of businesses that specialize in meth contamination removal.

Other contaminations can happen with different labs like pill labs. Decontamination of a pill lab is similar to decontaminating a meth lab. Porous materials must be removed, all surfaces HEPA vacuumed and washed down.

It’s too bad that we have to look at these kinds of tests but we all know of someone who has been affected by the use of drugs. I just watched the movie “Ben is Back”. It was very eye opening. If you haven’t seen it, check it out. I don’t want to spoil it so I won’t say anything about it.

If you believe that your home or car has been exposed to the toxic chemicals of making or smoking crystal meth or pill-making, please contact the Air Quality Program and we will try and do what we can to help you get the results you need.

So for now and for the next seven generations, let’s get rid of the harmful and go more towards the healing. ◇



# Progress Forward

## Developing Akwesasne's Heritage and Culture Facilities

By Gail McDonald, Heritage Complex Project Developer



Slow but surely, progress is being made to develop Akwesasne's heritage and culture facilities – it's been a two-and-a-half-year effort to date; but we are starting to see the results. Several recently approved grants and funding will be directed toward the development of a new Heritage Complex (new library, museum, archival facility), a new Welcome Center and an Art Park and Art Gallery that will serve our community. The various funding received will support planning and development activities that will help guide what will be required for capital and program dollars to construct and operate these important cultural heritage facilities for our community.

This exciting work has evolved since 2009 when the SRMT Office of Economic Development (OED) and the Akwesasne Tourism Working Group (ATWG) engaged the Akwesasne community in comprehensive planning to support tourism and enhance our heritage, culture and the infrastructure required to support that objective. The Akwesasne Community has endorsed the development and construction of a Heritage Complex, Welcome Center and the Art Park/Art Gallery. To assist in that process, the SRMT was fortunate to receive a five-year grant (2016–2021) from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA-SEEDS) "Creating Akwesasne Tourism Industry Businesses and Jobs" to support the development of its cultural tourism objectives. It's been a whirlwind of activities to developing our tourism infrastructure, businesses and heritage and cultural facilities.

Here is a summary of recent grants received and the work efforts undertaken:

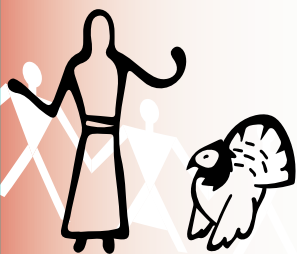
**Internal Funding from the Tribe/OED - \$2,500 –** Developing a landscape plan for the Green Art Park Space in downtown

Akwesasne. Project objective was to design a landscape plan for the green park spaces on Gray and Mill Streets along the St. Regis River. In a collaborative effort to develop this beautiful, peaceful park space along the river, a plan was prepared. Funding is sought to help complete this park to include trees, shrubs, public art features, signage, parking, walking areas and green space to enjoy outdoor park activities.

**Internal funding from the Tribe/OED - \$23,200 –** Technical assessment of the former Hogsburg Hydroelectric Power Dam building located in downtown Akwesasne – a project was undertaken for a preliminary architectural feasibility report on the building to determine its structural integrity and possible future use as an art gallery and welcome center along with park space. We looked at short term protective measures to secure integrity of the building. While more work and funding is required; we are excited about the possibilities to repurpose this beautiful historic building.







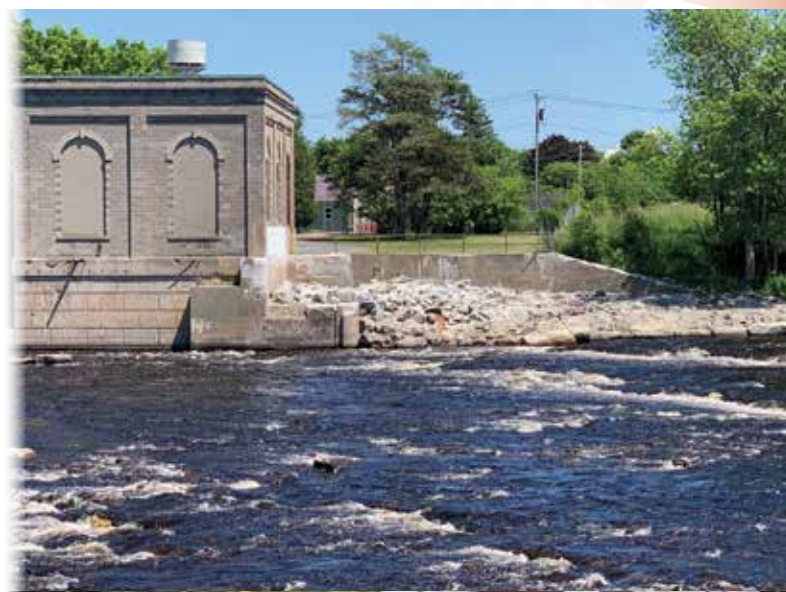
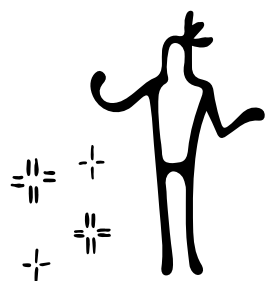
**New York State Document Heritage Program** - \$25,000 – Akwesasne Heritage Archival Project. Funds were received to assist in a Phase 1 planning process to build a comprehensive archival strategy and plan of action for Akwesasne to identify the unique and historical artifacts and documents and prepare for the storage in a safe environment and ensure their protection for generations to follow. This funding will support a part-time Archival Project Coordinator to assist the Working Group with strategic planning and related activities.

**New York State Document and Heritage Program** – Archival Strategic Planning – No direct funding received, but professional planning assistance – Valued at \$7-10,000. To develop the archival components within the Heritage Complex, an ad hoc Heritage Archival Working Group was formed to guide strategic planning and to build upon the previous community work undertaken where the report entitled *Ionkwaio'te Senha Aioianerenhakie – We are Working Toward Better Things to Come – A New Home for the Material Culture & Documents of the Akwesasne Mohawk People* (2011) was created.

**National Endowment for the Arts** – Our Town – \$25,000 – “Sharing the Mohawk Spirit by Design” supports the coordination of Artisan Workshops to examine and develop cultural designs and sculpture features for use in the Heritage Complex, Art Park and public spaces. A design concept guide will be created to assist in future architectural planning.

Several other proposals have been submitted to seek funding to examine the feasibility for our heritage and cultural facilities. Additional funding will support sound business planning, capitalization, architectural design and plans to construct and implement the Heritage Complex and Art Park facilities in Akwesasne.

The Cultural Tourism office continues to move forward with its many objectives. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please contact their office at [tourism@srmt-nsn.gov](mailto:tourism@srmt-nsn.gov) or call (518) 358-4238. ♦



# More Bark in the Park

*By Denita Ireland, Communications Specialist*

Alive with the beat of running feet on the trails, fields warmed by the afternoon sun and laughter echoing across the lacrosse box, Generations Park has lived up to its name. With the teamwork and dedication of Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) Recreation Coordinator Mary Terrance and SRMT Environment Division, Generations continues to bloom.

Various trees recently planted in Generations Park are part of a local storm water management strategy being implemented in Akwesasne. The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, with help from the U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), will be planting 1,200 new trees to help improve green infrastructure in Akwesasne urban forest areas.

This initiative includes the 172 trees planted at the park, each serving a purpose. "Some are for shade," Mary explained, "some will act as windbreak on the running paths, they'll prevent erosion and some will have pretty foliage in the fall."

After much planning and collaboration, more than a dozen species of trees were planted by Brady Hankins, Forestry Laborer; Angello Johnson, Forestry Technician Assistant; James Costello, Native Plants and Nursery Manager and Leslie Benedict, Environment Assistant Director. Although small, the trees are acclimating well to their new home at Margaret Terrance Memorial Way. In the coming months and years, the trees will grow as development of Generations Park continues to flourish.

There are endless benefits of tree-planting in urban environments. Leaves filter air, absorbing potentially harmful gasses such as sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide; releasing the oxygen we breathe. Social benefits also go beyond enjoying their aesthetic - studies suggest that being around trees reduces blood pressure, calms breathing and eases muscles, reducing stress.

On a larger scale, tree planting will reduce storm water runoff, soil erosion and sediment/nutrient loading in rivers and streams in Akwesasne, near shore waters and great lake tributaries. Replacement of removed hazard trees and Ash trees that will be lost due to the invasive Emerald Ash Borer is an ongoing focus of SRMT Environment. A copy of SRMT Urban and Community Forest Management Plan is available at [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).

For more information, contact Mary Terrance at (518) 358-2272 ext. 2600 or [maryf.terrance@srmt-nsn.gov](mailto:maryf.terrance@srmt-nsn.gov) . ♦



*Forestry Technician Assistant Angello Johnson planting the last trees of the season. In time, the Black Gum tree will bring gorgeous foliage to Generations Park.*





*The bark of American hop hornbeam trees traditionally have been used for aches and pains, sore muscles and even mouthwash.*



*Crab apple trees will provide a peaceful place for picnics, while still allowing solar panels full access to sunlight.*



*The small leaves on this Swamp White Oak sapling will one day bear acorns! Individual trees can produce acorns in 20-30 years and they may live 300-350 years.*



*Colorful commemorative Armstrong Maple trees planted near the pond.*



# Tribal Monthly Meetings

*Onerahtohkó:wa / May 11, 2019*  
*Chairperson: Chief Michael Conners*

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## 1. Review of previous action items:

- a. Request to look into charging businesses for water. **In Progress.** *A public presentation by Planning and Infrastructure will be scheduled in the future.*
- b. Request to find out how much of NYS Department of Transportation money was spent to maintain reservation roads. **In Progress.** *The Legal Department is looking into this and asked the DOT in regards to funding dispersed to Franklin County from NYS, if any of that money is earmarked for the Reservation's roads, including maintenance. Second question was whose responsibility is it to fix Reservation Roads when they are in each entity's inventory. The DOT is formulating a response, but response rates tend to be slow.*
- c. Request to see what we can do to reduce the 55mph speed limit on State Road. **In Progress.** *The Communications Department conducted an online survey that was completed by 133 individuals, who provided suggested improvements and indicated a 74.44% preference to keep existing speed limit.*
- d. Request for a presentation by Darren Bonaparte on the 1796 treaty and how the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is linked to it. **Complete.** *Presentation is on today's agenda.*
- e. H. Renee Hart made a motion for Tribal Council to invite the U.S. District Attorney to the next monthly meeting to discuss the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that has expired and on how to protect our members; it was seconded by Barbara Lazore. **Complete.** *Tribal Council met with the U.S. Attorney and invited him to a tribal meeting to present per the motion. The U.S. Attorney respectfully declined. A presentation on VAWA from tribal staff will be on a future tribal meeting agenda.*
- f. H. Renee Hart made a motion on behalf of the community members of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and the overseers of the Ethics Officer and the Ethics Ordinance, to remove the

current Ethics Officer and replace the vacant position with Ruth Bell, for a term of 3 years, to start immediately and this motion is NOT up for review by Tribal Council, according to the Ethics Ordinance it is up to the membership to appoint the ethics officer; it was seconded by Agnes Terrance.

*Pursuant to the 2013 Tribal Procedures Act, under Section VII, D. 1 community members may present motions for Council consideration on requests that are "within the Council's authority." In this case, the motion requests three concurrent actions: (1) immediate removal of the current Ethics Officer; (2) immediate replacement with a certain tribal member to serve a 3-year term; and (3) that "the motion is not up for review by Council and according to Ethics Ordinance it is up to the membership to appoint the Officer."*

*The 2007 Ethics Ordinance, like the Tribal Procedures Act, was approved by a community referendum. Under Section VII of the Ethics Ordinance, states that Officer "shall be appointed by the Tribal Council." The appointment procedure is as follows: Council selects a candidate for that office, and presents the candidate to the Community at a monthly meeting for approval. The current Officer was selected, presented and approved at a tribal monthly meeting on November 7, 2015. The Officer is currently serving a five-year term with expiration in 2020. If the motion is acted upon, it would directly contradict the Community's referendum-approved laws. The motion is deemed to be null and void.*

- g. Request that the qualifications of Chief Judge be loosened.
- h. Request to memorialize substantive changes in legislation to go out for community representation.

*Substantive changes in legislation shall abide by the Tribal Procedures Act. Tribal Council's position on the action item that requests the qualifications of the Chief Judge be reduced is that it is a substantial change to legislation and would also adversely impact the credibility*





*of our Tribal Court. The action item is deemed to be null and void, as it conflicts with our Tribal acts and ordinances.*

2. 10:15am | Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club Presentation by Jessica Cree-Jock
3. 10:30am | Health Services Expansion Project Update by Dewey Thompson
4. 10:45am | Mohawk Networks Presentation by Allyson Doctor
5. 11:05am | The Seven Nations of Canada and the Treaty of 1796 Presentation by Darren Bonaparte
6. 12:00pm | Announcements:
  - a) Ionkwakiohkwaró:ron Tribal Administration Building Grand Opening on June 7th at 10:30am.
7. 12:05pm | New Business

***Ohiarí:ha/June 8, 2019***  
***Chairperson: Chief Beverly Cook***

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1. Review of previous action items:
  - a. Request to look into charging businesses for water. **Completed.** *Planning and Infrastructure has looked into the request. At this time, the Tribe is fortunate to fully fund the Water Department. Council wishes to avoid passing a water cost onto the consumer and community. The Tribe will not be moving forward on this action item. However, if the Tribe's financial position changes, Council may look into it again in the future.*
  - b. Request to find out how much of NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) money was spent to maintain reservation roads. **In Progress.**

*Legal continues to try to obtain information on how much money the State allocates for SRMT Reservation roads and on which roads in particular that money is allocated. State Route 37 is a State maintained road. With respect to other, secondary roads, we have "Roads Listings" showing which Reservation roads are maintained*

*by Franklin County, Town of Bombay. (Attached is a copy of those roads listings).*

*Legal has obtained some information on the total amount of funding is allocated for maintenance of these roads. A DOT spreadsheet on 2017 road funding for Franklin County is broken down by municipalities. For Bombay, it showed line items "regular capital" funding of \$67,000 for both 2017 and 2018; and \$10,000 for another category of capital funding in those years. And a line item under the "Chips formula" of \$77,000 for both years. Thus, a total of \$154,000 appears to have been allocated in 2017 and 2018 for Bombay to use for Reservation repairs (or some other roads capital purpose).*

*We will continue to try to find out whether these numbers are accurate and if the State DOT can tell how this funding is allocated for specific Reservation Roads.*

*Tribal Council recently attended a roundtable discussion with the NYS Senate Native American Relations Committee and received commitment that the Committee will visit the Reservation, as well as hold regular meetings with tribal nations. Our issue on roads conditions, maintenance and funding is on the priority list for the Committee.*

- c. Request to see what we can do to reduce the 55mph speed limit on State Road. **Complete.** *The Communications Department conducted an online survey that was completed by 133 individuals, who provided suggested improvements and indicated a 74.44% preference to keep existing speed limit.*

*Council is reviewing the comments and considering safety upgrades, which will go to the State Department of Transportation.*

- d. Request for Tribal Council to look into State law/policy that requires Salmon River Central School Board candidates to be district residents. **In Progress.** *The policies for Massena and Salmon River for school board qualifications (attached) are identical and are based upon New York Education law and can be found on their respective websites.*

*For our purposes the candidate must be:*



- i. *A citizen of the United States; and*
- ii. *A legal resident of the school district one year before the election.*

*I believe the question at the Tribal Meeting was whether a tribal member living on the northern portion of the Reservation was eligible to run for either school board.*

*That presents a different issue for each school district:*

*Salmon River—the Reservation is considered within the school district so the only issue is residency (and being a U.S. Citizen)—we would need an amendment that would permit a tribal member residing on the Canadian side to be eligible—I suppose if they were either a US or Canadian citizen.*

*Massena—The Reservation is not within the Massena district so the amendment would have to make an exception for that requirement.*

*The Tribe’s NYS lobbying firm, Bolton St. Johns, is seeing if it is possible to amend the education laws in this manner.*

- 2. 10:15am | Recognition of the Salmon River Girls and Boys Lacrosse Teams by Council
- 3. 10:45am | New Business
- 4. 11:30am | Elders Abuse Presentation by Helen Gray, Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator
- 5. 11:45am | Elders Benefit Pilot Program by Elliott Lazore, Director of Compliance ♦

# Calendar

## *Obiarikhkó:wa / July*

- 24 - Family Court Development Discussion - Ionkwakiohkwaró:ron - 5:00 p.m.
- 25 - Medical Marijuana Ordinance Meeting - Ionkwakiohkwaró:ron - 5:00 p.m.
- 26 - Employee Appreciation Day - All Tribal offices closed

## *Seské:ha / August*

- 10 - Tribal Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Lobby
- 13 - Social Security - 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. - Tribal Clerk’s Office
- 23 - Akwesasne Business Expo - Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort - Public Session 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- 23 - Disability Awareness Day - Former IGA Building - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays - Tribal Council Work Session - 9:00 a.m. - Executive Boardroom

# Donations

Sports	\$2,000	Fundraiser Events	\$3,000
Golf Tournament	\$500	Funerals	\$7,000
Community Events	\$12,750		

# Jobs

The following positions are open until filled:

Police Officer, Bus Driver, General Practitioner, Program Accountant, Internist.

Complete job descriptions and application instructions are available online at [www.srmt-nsn.gov](http://www.srmt-nsn.gov).





# New Faces

Abigail E Johnson	Recreation Worker	Education
Abraham Francis	Program Manager	Environment
Bailee R Rourke	Program Mentor	Education
Carson W Oakes	Custodian	Facilities
Ellexia P Lazore	ECDP Substitute	Early Childhood Development
Harris G Cole	Laborer	Executive Director's Office - Generations Park
Helen E LaPage	Registered Nurse	Health Services - Medical Clinic
Honey G Skidders	Program Accountant	Finance - Accounting
Jackalyn J Despaw	RN/BH Care Coordinator	Health Services - Mental Health
Jenna M Clute	Program Mentor	Education
Johnson Martin Jimerson	Maintenance Support Worker Handyman	Office for the Aging
Joseph AP Standup	Environment Technician	Environment
Kaiya J Arney-Lazore	Home Health Aide	Health Services - Outreach Chronic Care Nursing
Kiera L Jacobs	Substitute	Early Childhood Development
Kristine R Fetter	Adolescent Specialist	Akwesasne Group Home
Louie J Jackson	Construction Laborer	Planning & Infrastructure
Makenzie E Thompson	Youth Advocate	Intensive Preventive Program
Melanie Conners	Social and Community Services Manager	Food Distribution
Michelle A Adams-Laffin	Transportation Coordinator	Early Childhood Development
Nancy L Cook	Home Health Aide	Health Services - Outreach Chronic Care Nursing
Penny J Steeprock	Custodian	Facilities
Robert Stanley Mitchell	Direct Support Professional	Family Support
Thomas J Lazore	Floater	Executive Director's Office
Veronica L Bradley	Pharmacy Clerk	Health Services - Pharmacy
Watsentahawi K Shenandoah	Adolescent Specialist	Akwesasne Group Home
Wendy A Cook	Receptionist	Akwesasne Employment Resource Center

**Summer Student Interns:** Stevie Ray Adams, Savannah A Arney, Amy D Arquette, Francis M Arquette, Kenneth David Arquette, Autumn C Benedict, Blaze J Benedict, Chrissy S Benedict, Michael A Benedict, Rachel E Benedict, Tisha M Benedict, Tsiorahkwahse C Benedict, Dayanara L Bero, Chelsie N Chamberlain, Jay L Chubb, Reagan M Cole, Ieniente A Cook, Timothy Cook, Timothy Michael Cook, Cobie C Cree, Kyra A Cree, Paul B Czapranski, Chloe K Doctor, Raienkonnis Edwards, Kiyah J Francis, Kainen R Francis-Thompson, Jolie R Gibson, Mikaylee S Henhawk, Sue E Herne, Tsiehente K Herne, Dylan J Holcomb, Kyleigh A Holcomb, Keri Horne-Burns, Jade L Jackson, Lance M Jacobs, Benjamin Kelly, Emily S King, Quentin L Labunski, Jaimee VL Lazore, Mara A Lazore, Taylor L Marcellus, Lauren E Martin, AnnaBelle J Mitchell, Teya E Mitchell, Mason B Panuelo, Lacey S Pierce, Montana L Pierce, Aspen S Robertson, Quoya D Rourke-Square, Caroline G Russell, Mallory CA Sunday, Jenna E Tarbell, Ethan P Thomas, Tristan L Thomas, Charlan K Thompson, Jacob P Thompson, Jenna L Thompson, Talon A Thompson, Keely Thompson-Cook, Alanna L Tyo, Jheri L White. (4/25 to 7/8)



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**Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Former IGA Building  
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