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What are the Benefits of Enrolling in Health Insurance?

Business Office - Health Services Program Feature

By Lori Thompson, Business Office Manager

A visit to a tribal clinic or hospital can be billed to insurance and, in turn, there will be more resources for our clinic. The health insurance will pay for your visit instead of Contract Health Services (CHS) which will allow more CHS funds to be available to help other tribal members.

The Marketplace is a new way to get health insurance. This is made available by the law signed by President Obama called the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). There will be four ways to enroll yourself and your family either by phone, by mail, online or in person. We have in-person assistor/navigator on site at our clinic. They are here Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please contact Shelley White, Patient Registration Clerk at 518-358-3141 ext. 129. You and your family may qualify for health insurance with the Marketplace or with Medicaid and or Child Health Plus.

There are protections for Native Americans in the Marketplace:

- No out of pocket costs such as deductible, co-pays and co-insurance if they are referred by our providers here at the clinic
- Members of federally-recognized tribes can change their enrollment status in any plan through the marketplace once a month



All plans within the Marketplace must provide essential health benefits such as outpatient and inpatient services, emergency services, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use, prescription drugs, lab, preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management, pediatric services including oral and vision care and rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Business Office at 518-358-3141 and speak to Lori Thompson, Business Office Manager or Tim Basenfelter, Assistant Manager.



Good Words of Welcome



Shé:kon/Greetings from the Tribal Clerk's Office,

I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits as we prepare for our annual election on June 7, 2014. The Tribal Clerk's Office is responsible for membership, land deeds, estates and records. It is our responsibility to assist you in determining your membership and voting status. If you are unsure, please call or stop in to see us.

Determining membership is a process that takes two to three weeks. The Tribal Clerk's office manages 400 to 500 new memberships per year. The enrollment application requires a birth certificate with the Mohawk parent's names. When submitting the application, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe requires a four-generation family tree and if the applicant is married, we need a copy of the marriage certificate. The application fee is \$20.00 and includes the cost of the Tribal ID card.

To be eligible to vote in the Tribal election, you must be at least 18 years of age, an enrolled member of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, reside in the United States or on the US portion of Akwesasne for at least six months prior to the election and your name must be on the most current eligible voter list. Walk-in voting will take place prior to the election. In-home voting for the elderly or disabled will be scheduled prior to the Election. To schedule this service, please contact our office. The Election Board has detailed the official candidates and election information, including

the absentee ballot process, on the back page of this publication.

The Tribe hosts a representative from the Social Security Administration to assist with the application for a social security card every second Tuesday of each month. The representative is at the Community Building from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. and sees people on a first come, first serve basis. Please remember to bring your original birth certificate. If the applicant was born on the Canadian side, the long form birth certificate is required. Children over the age of twelve must be present with a parent if they are applying for their first card.

The Tribal Clerk's office hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions. We can be reached at 518-358-2272.

Good luck to our candidates in the upcoming election! Voters, please bring valid identification with you to vote. We will see you at the polling station in the lobby of the Community Building on Saturday June 7, 2014 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Corleen Jacco, Tribal Clerk

On the Cover: The top picture is one of many that were donated to the Akwesasne Cultural Center. It is, we believe, from 1914 because the buildings that were destroyed by fire in 1915 are still standing. One hundred years later, there are fewer and smaller buildings. The lines in the 1914 photo are telephone lines as electricity did not arrive in Hogansburg until much later.

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The Myths of Financial Aid

Education Division Program Feature

By Samantha Phillips, Administrative Assistant

The Higher Education Program works with over two hundred students every year. These numbers include undergraduates, graduates and vocational training students who wish to continue to learn and grow. The program often hears many stories from students wondering how they are going to fund their education.

Myth: I can get a free college education because I am Native American.

False. Unfortunately, there is no such thing as a free college education. Your education is funded through grants, scholarships and loans. A large source of funding is through the FAFSA application, which all students must fill out in order to receive federal funding. Just like any other student, Native students should apply for as many scholarships as they can in order to help supplement their educational costs.

Myth: I don't live on the reservation so I can't apply for funding through the Higher Education Program.

False. The Higher Education Program funds members of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. Students must provide a copy of their tribal certification letter as well as other documentation to be funded through Higher Education as well as other grant offices including New York State Indian Aid.

Myth: I need at least a 3.0 GPA in order to receive funding from Higher Education

False. A student is required to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0. This is the equivalent of a "C" and demonstrates the student is making academic progress.

Myth: Once I fall below a 2.0 I can never apply for funding again.

False. If you fall below the required 2.0 GPA for a particular semester, you may apply for the following semester's funding, pending your previous semester's grades. For example, if you have a 1.9 GPA for the fall semester, you may apply for the spring semester but must have at least a 2.0 GPA for the fall semester.

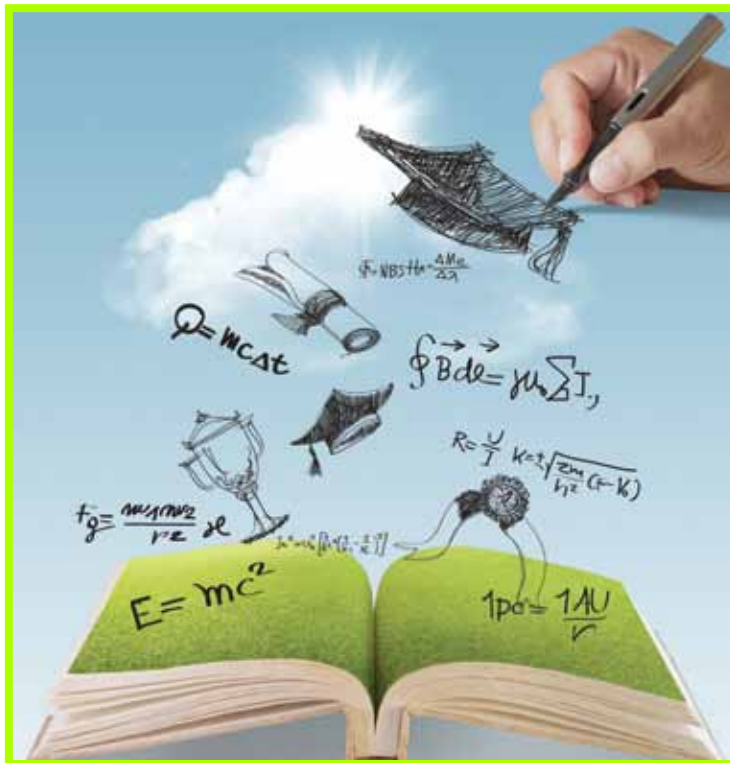
Myth: The college I want to go to is too expensive. I'll never be

able to afford it.

False. While a student should be aware of the costs of a college, they should never be deterred from pursuing it. There are grants, scholarships and loans available to students and their parents.

Myth: I have to take out a loan. I'll never be able to pay it all back.

When taking a loan, a student must be aware of the type of loan they are taking and its interest. For example, an unsubsidized loan starts to collect interest



while the student is still in school. A subsidized loan does not collect interest until six months after the student has left the school. There are also different ways a student may pay back a loan depending on their employment status. Never let a loan go unpaid; it can ruin your credit, deny you from applying for other loans or cut into your bank account. For more information, always contact your loan officer.

Myth: If I drop out of school I don't need to tell anyone.

False. You should always notify your school and Higher Education if you are withdrawing for the semester. There is no shame in leaving school; sometimes there are medical, personal and academic reasons. You can always go back, but you must follow the proper steps to ensure your financial aid stays intact for the future.

Myth: I get paid to go to school.

False. Many students are fortunate enough to have their education covered in full through various grants, scholarships and stipends. Some students may receive refund checks, which they may use for what they wish.

Myth: I don't have to apply for Selective Service, I live on the reservation.

False. "According to law, a man must register with Selective Service within 30 days of his 18th birthday. Selective Service will accept late registrations but not after a man has reached age 26. You may be denied benefits or a job if you have not registered. You can register at any U.S. Post Office and do not need a social security number" (www.sss.gov). In order to receive federal funding, you must sign up for Selective Service.

Myth: I can only go to school in New York State if I want funding from Higher Education.

False. Students may go to any college within the United States and receive funding from the Higher Education Program. Students that attend school outside of New York State are not eligible for New York State Indian Aid, which is funded through the New York State Department of Education in Albany, New York.

FAFSA Information and Scholarship Deadlines

It is not too late for grants and scholarships! Don't forget to fill out your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student

Aid) if you haven't done so already. You will also need to fill out your TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) if you are attending college in New York State. Other scholarships and grants to apply for are:

- Higher Education Program - Deadline: July 15, 2014 (Fall Semester)
- New York State Indian Aid - Deadline: July 15, 2014 (Fall Semester)
- A h k w e s a s n e Mohawk Board of Education - Deadline: July 15, 2014 (Fall Semester)

According the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, people ages 25 and older who were working full-time had the following average weekly wages for 2013:

High school diploma: \$651

Some college, no degree: \$727

Associate's degree: \$777

Bachelor's degree: \$1,108

Master's degree: \$1,329

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics website: http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/print.pl/emp/ep_chart_001.htm

As always, if you have any questions or concerns you may contact the Higher Education Program office at 518-358-2272 extension 247, by email at rcook@srmt-nsn.gov or samantha.phillips@srmt-nsn.gov. The Higher Education offices are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or after hours by appointment. ◇

ISS Financial Assistance

Community & Family Services Division Program Feature

By Heather Durant, Benefit Services Manager

The Individual Support Services Program is one of the many programs operated under the Division of Family and Community Services. In order to qualify for this program, individuals must be eligible for services and supports under Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).

The Benefit Services Manager assists the participants in developing an individual support service plan which addresses the participant's needs in the following areas: rent, utilities/telephone, insurance, transportation, food, clothing, leisure/recreation, case management, health, staffing, employment/education, savings and any others indicated in the plan. Initial start-up costs may be included in the first year budget. The agency assures that the health, environmental and physical needs of the individual are met in a safe and decent manner and that the individual has a support network sufficient to meet his/her needs for independent living. Contracts are developed with the agency to provide individual support services and are based upon the individual support service plans and budgets formulated for specific individuals. The participants also agree to allow visits to his/her home for the purpose of assuring that reasonable standards of health, safety and well-being are maintained.

The ISS Program serves persons with a developmental disability ready to leave certified community residences, or living at home with parents and siblings or who are homeless. This program provides financial support to developmentally disabled individuals who have the capacity to live independently or with limited staff support.

The ISS Program provides financial subsidy to assist in locating, renting or buying individualized living arrangements that are alternatives to traditional group living. Residential options include home sharing, independent living, HUD rental subsidy programs or other leasing and ownership initiatives.

Program individuals may have limited financial resources, Public Assistance, Food Stamps, and/or SSI as their major sources of income. Our ISS contract covers items such as monthly rent, security deposits, and household furnishing. Our monthly subsidy is entitled to supplement the resources that each person may already have.



The ISS Program is very unique in one way as we assist and provide to single mothers and their small children. The program overall is currently providing services to eight individuals. Our efforts continue with one individual who is working on owning his own home through the USDA

Section 502 Single Family Housing Direct Loan. This has been a seven year project that has been very difficult at times and of course time consuming. We have continued to encounter many roadblocks along the way. However, the outcome is unbelievable. He has opened the door for many. For the first time ever an individual with a developmental disability will own his own home through a USDA loan in Akwesasne!

For more program information or questions, please call 518-358-9481. Thank you for the opportunity to spread the word about one of our many programs. ♦

Intensive Preventive Program

Social Services Division Program Feature

By Jean Square, Program Manager

The Intensive Preventive Program (IPP) provides community and home-based services to families of Akwesasne.

June being the month of Father's Day, IPP along with all the Social Service Division programs will be highlighting activities focusing on and celebrating fathers.

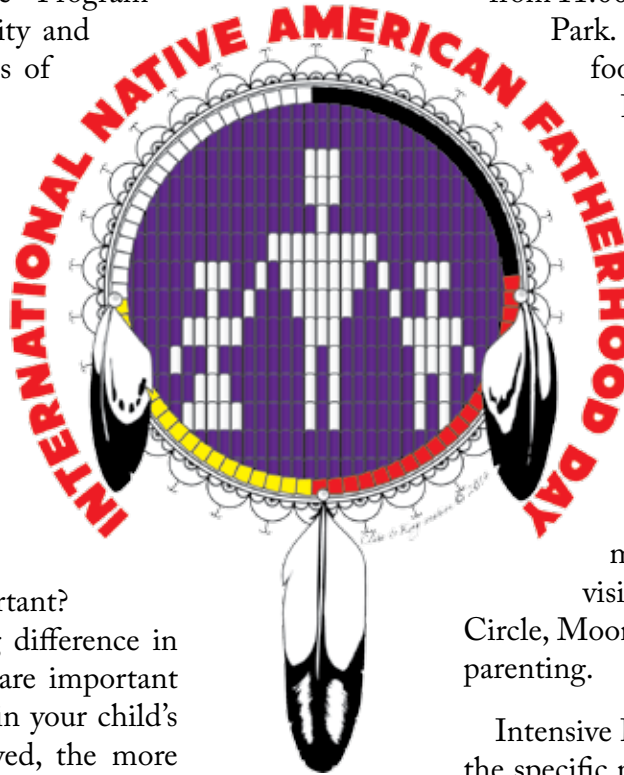
The Monday night parenting sessions are held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

June 2—Why Fathers are important?

- As a father you make a big difference in the life of your child. Fathers are important role models at different stages in your child's life. The earlier you get involved, the more connected you will be with your children as they grow.

June 9 - Family Traditions - having traditions creates closeness and a sense of belonging. Most traditions are practiced around holidays. This gives children and fathers something to plan, anticipate and do together.

Celebrate *Rākeni* at the International Native American Fatherhood Day on June 14, 2014



from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Generations Park. This free family event will have food, games, contests and prizes. For more information contact the Social Services Division Administration office at 518-358-2728.

Our services provide family visiting and supervised visits, cultural, individual and group youth activities, life skills, group and individual parenting, transportation, court support, mentoring, tutoring and school visits, weekly Women's Talking Circle, Moon Ceremony and Monday night parenting.

Intensive Preventive Program is flexible to the specific needs of the family according to court orders and service plan recommendations. All of our events, activities and meeting are drug and alcohol free.

For more information, referrals, questions on services provided and/or, any dates or details on events please contact us at 518-358-3416. IPP is located at 878 State Route 37 across from the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort. ♦



Nicholas and Mike Getting Colorful and Creative on Craft Night

Annual HAVFD Awards

By Aimée Benedict, Publications Manager/Webmaster

The Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department (HAVFD) held their annual awards and recognition banquet on Saturday May 3, 2014, at the Brasse Horse Grill in Akwesasne. Active and retired volunteer firefighters, their guests and special invitees were treated to a superb prime rib dinner prepared and served by ESP Catering.

Jason McDonald and Derek Comins emceed the event again this year. Jason began by acknowledging Tribal Chief Ron LaFrance, Sub-Chiefs Michael Conners and Eric Thompson, MCA District Chiefs Joanne Jocko and Bill Sunday, former HAVFD Fire Chiefs Frank Lacerenza, Jack Treptow, Charlie Jacobs and Donald Comins, and former Franklin County Car 1, Elton Cappiello. Bombay Fire Chief Mike Dufrane, Helena Fire Department's Frank Burns and Ricky Provost, current Franklin County Car One also attended. Special thanks were offered to Brian Murray, USDA Northern Regional Area Director for his assistance in securing funding to purchase the new tower truck.

Annual Recognition Awards were presented to:

- Rookie of the year: Jory Tarbell
- Officer of the Year: Clinton Jacobs
- Special Appreciation Awards: Kyle Lazore and Russell Phillips
- Captain Awards:
 - » Station #1: Chris Keeves
 - » Station #2: Tom Francis
 - » Station #3: Stan Cook

- Special Appreciation Award to Non-Members: Andy and Louise Phillips

Eight new volunteers joined the department over the past year. Rookies Lance LaFrance, Jory Tarbell, Chris Keeves, Cameron Mitchell, Daylan Adams, Sean Armstrong, Casey Swamp and Tiio Mitchell were welcomed.

The Team Award recognized the Mohawk International Raceway (MIR) past and present safety crew members who dedicated their Fridays to providing safety to racers and spectators at MIR. Special acknowledgement was given to members who have been regulars for many years: Randy Mitchell, Gordon McDonald, Jason McDonald and Adrian McDonald.

The Committee Award was presented to four members who dedicated over two years selecting options on the new tower truck; Norman Peters, Issac McDonald, Randy Mitchell and Derek Comins.



Firefighter of the Year, Chris "Goofy" Adams Being Congratulated by Jason McDonald and Derek Comins.

The names of firefighters who responded to 25% of calls every month for 2013 were put into a draw for a cash prize. Randy Mitchell was the winner.

A touching tribute was paid to two of HAVFD brothers lost, firefighter Daniel McDonald and firefighter Pete Mitchell

The dinner and ceremony concluded with entertainment by the band *Slab City*.



Tribal Records Department

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Tribal Historic Preservation Program Feature

By *Lillian Benedict Barton, Records Manager/Database Administrator*

Wá'tkwanonhweráton from Tribal Records! I manage the Tribe's electronic records management program and use a program called OnBase©. We are responsible for the development of our process to house paper records and archival materials. A brief history:

- 1995 - Tribe's first records management legislation
- 2008 - Tribal Records Department created
- 2010 - Formal policy & procedure program unique to Tribe's records approved

The first project was adding the Tribal Council Resolutions (TCRs) to the database. Many tribal departments recognize the benefits of using OnBase© which makes it easy to access public documents including literature, policies, meeting minutes, community obituaries, TCRs and media clips. OnBase© is very flexible and assists our departments with workflows, mobile access and case management. It is secure, easy to use and interacts with Microsoft Word and Excel.

The records department is growing very fast. Many boxes of materials must be assessed for historical value and we need to continue training employees and integrating OnBase© for all of the programs. We have one part-time person working 16 hours a week, scanning and indexing files and helping with shelving and retrieval of physical records.

In April, we were fortunate to have an intern for two weeks to help with getting caught up on various projects in the office. We currently have three departments on a waiting list for services and are hopeful that a summer student can come in to help with the scanning. We take in approximately 100 boxes annually from Tribal departments and purge/destroy about the same when the documents have met their retention period.

We are also responsible for scanning and housing all large maps, blueprints, and plans and retrieving them when

needed by various departments. We currently have about 1,400 record boxes in inventory including temporary, permanent, archival materials, photographs and newspaper clippings.

The Tribal leadership history project has been on hold since my article in June

2012, but an inspiring young man from the community visited the office a few weeks ago to talk about this very project. His interest and enthusiasm made me realize how important it is to continue working on it. I will make all efforts to finish this, for him and for our youth because it is important to remember our past.

Wakon'wes:kwani tsi nahó:ten wakiòte (I like what I do). *Tasewakwátho* (come and visit). ◇



Found at a Sale, this Postcard is from a Private Collection Shared with the Records Department. It Appears to be Taken Around the Same Time as the Cover Photo, 1914.

Monthly Tribal Meeting

Agenda - Onerabtók:ha/April 19, 2014

Chaired by Sub-Chief Eric Thompson

1. Welcome - Reading of Action Items
2. Program Spotlight - Tribal Courts
3. Program Spotlight - Intensive Preventive Program
4. Environment Update - Spring Cleanup, Burn Permits
5. Introduction of New Health Director
6. New Business
7. Reading of Action Items
8. Adjournment

Action Items and follow up from April Meeting

1. To look into the possibility of demolishing abandoned structures if funding is available.

Follow-up: A request has been submitted to the HAVFD for a listing of abandoned structures on the territory. Once the information is received, an assessment of costs can be determined.

2. To look into the establishment of a dialysis unit and the possibility of collaborating efforts with MCA.

Follow-up: Tribal Council is working on this initiative with the SRMHS Director and further information will be reported as it becomes available.

3. To look into the development of a health advisory board.

Follow-up: Tribal Council is working on this initiative with the SRMHS Director and further information will be reported as it becomes available.

4. To invite Tony David from the Environment Division to give an update at the May monthly Tribal meeting.

Follow-up: An update on the Hogansburg Dam was provided at the May Monthly Tribal Meeting.

Follow up on action items from March Meeting

1. Present the Exclusion Order at next monthly meeting.

Follow-up: The draft policy was available as a handout at the April Monthly Tribal Meeting.

2. A report on how the MBP is doing since the move to AMC, percentage of Natives employed with the MBP and why was there a change in the bingo play price.

Follow-up: When MBP moved over, MBP's strategy was to increase guest count by giving larger payouts and more sessions to increase our bingo play. Since that time, they have reduced number of sessions and changed the play but the money is going back to the player through progressive jackpots at every session. Forty-two percent of the employees of the MBP are native. A special meeting on how the MBP is doing since moving over to the AMC was held on April 22 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

3. Look into re-licensing negotiations with NYPA.

Follow-up: The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council has been meeting with Senator Maziarz, who heads the NYS Energy Committee for the State Senate for the past two years, in an attempt to have our concerns about the lack of benefits provided to the Mohawk as part of the 2003 relicensing addressed. We carried this discussion into the land claim settlement with the Governor. As a result, Governor Cuomo has been instrumental in convincing NYPA to contribute \$70 million to the settlement. This amount is, in part, due to the claim, and, in part, as compensation for the relicensing as agreed to by the Tribe in 2001.

The Council will continue to develop a plan to approach NYPA, after the settlement is final, to discuss other ways in which the Mohawk community could benefit from partnering with NYPA on various community recreational and tourism initiatives, as NYPA has done in other communities within which they operate.

4. A formal request of meeting with Tribal Council regarding services offered to the men in our community.

Follow-up: A meeting was held in late April to discuss viable solutions to fill gaps in services. Planning is ongoing between Tribal Council, Administration and the Multi-Disciplinary Team.

5. The Akwesasne Employment Resource Center success rate.

Follow-up: The AERC statistics were available as a handout at the April Monthly Tribal Meeting.

Agenda - Onerahtobkó:wa / May 10, 2014 Chaired by Chief Ron LaFrance Jr.

6. JOM/ABGC Summer Program
7. Land Claims Update
8. Hogansburg Dam Update
9. SRCS BOE Candidates
10. Tribal Fuel Allotment Update
11. New Business
12. Reading of Action Items

Action Items

1. To request from our GIS tech - copies of maps of the land claims areas available for June's monthly meeting ◇

Calendar

Obiari:ba/ June 2014

7 - **Annual Tribal Election** - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Community Building Lobby

10 - **Social Security Administration** - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Tribal Clerk's office

11 - **Police Commission Meeting** - 3:00 p.m. - Tribal Council Boardroom - Community Building

Tuesdays - Tribal Council Work Sessions - 9:00 a.m. - Tribal Council Boardroom

New Faces

Peter A. Bigtree

Linda Terrance

Sabrina Buckshot-Thompson

Custodian

Kitchen Helper

Apprentice

Maintenance - Facilities

Office for the Aging - Seniors

Environment - Cultural Restoration

Donations

Sports - \$1,750

Community Events - \$750

Funeral Requests - \$4,000

Sports Associations - \$1,100

Community Development - \$1,500

Jobs

Solid Waste Manager - Environment

Resident Aid - Partridge House

Family & Community Specialist - Partridge House

Current Tribal job postings at www.srmt-nsn.gov

Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort positions are posted at www.mohawkcasino.com

Akwesasne and surrounding area positions are posted at www.myaerc.org

Love Your Garbage Man!

National Garbage Man Day

By Les Benedict, Assistant Director, Environment Division

In celebration of National Garbage Man Day 2014 on *Ohiari:ba*/June 17, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe invites the community to recognize our own Solid Waste Program team for keeping you and the environment safe. National Garbage Man Day was started by John Arwood, Arwood Waste Inc., Jacksonville, Fl, to highlight the importance of waste management professionals and offer recognition for these hard working men and women.

These two pages are dedicated to the Tribe's solid waste staff who, on a daily basis, do more than just move trash. They are pioneers in advancing technologies like recycling, renewable and sustainable energy, and

reduction of dependence on fossil fuels. They make a positive impact on our community every day making it clean and healthy. They deserve more than our garbage every week. They deserve a big *Niáwen*/"Thank you! If you see any of our workers or any solid waste worker let them know how much you appreciate what they do for you. You could pin a card or note this month on your trash can, stop by and say hello or thanks! Keep your eyes and ears out all month for special promotions that help us celebrate our own.

Without the work of all these individuals our communities would not only be more dangerous...but much stinkier!



Ricardo Najar, Refuse Route Driver

Years with Program: 5 years plus seasonal work as a laborer for spring clean up.

Basics: Responsible for operating collection vehicles and collecting materials for disposal from businesses, Tribal facilities and homes.

Likes: When I look down the road and see a line of yellow garbage bags

Dislikes: When I look down the road and see a line of yellow garbage bags broken open by dogs.

“Radio Check....You're comin' in loud and proud.”

Larry Thompson, Recycle Coordinator

Years with Program: 10 years and it seems like I just started yesterday.

Basics: I am responsible for moving the community toward higher recycling rates, promoting recycling within the Tribal organization and assisting with finding new markets for recycled materials. My goal for the community is zero waste.

Likes: A full recycling bin.

Dislikes: When I see something in the garbage that could have been recycled.

“I'd love to help you become a better recycler.
Give me a call! 518-358-4529.”



Russell Phillips, Operation Supervisor

Years with Program: 11.94 years, but who's counting?

Basics: Responsible for ensuring the smooth flow of materials to and from the Transfer Station by scheduling resources and staff.

Likes: Working with the community and helping others.

Dislikes: Garbage on sides of road.

“Solid waste management is doing things right; leadership in solid waste management is doing the right things.”



Joel Herne, Scale House Attendant

Years with Program: 1 year 8 months and growing.

Basics: Responsible for greeting visitors to the Transfer Station and assisting them with properly disposing of their materials. Also, operates disposal and compaction equipment in preparation for transfer of materials to the landfill.

Likes: When customers have covered their loads to keep things from flying on to the road.

Dislikes: Hidden recyclables and household hazardous waste materials mixed in with trash.

“ *Niá:wen/Thank You for visiting the Transfer Station. Please come again!* 😊 ”

Teiothorake Seymour, Scale House Attendant/Refuse Route Driver

Years with Program: 1 year 8 months plus 1 season as a laborer for spring cleanup for a total of 2++ years.

Basics: Responsible for greeting visitors to the Transfer Station and assisting them with properly disposing of their materials. Operates disposal and compaction equipment in preparation for transfer of materials to the landfill. Also, responsible for operating collection vehicles and collecting materials for disposal from businesses, Tribal facilities and homes.

Likes: Working with a great crew and helping the community.

Dislikes: Smelling garbage.



“ *I love the new Freight Shaker! Catch you on the flip flop.* ”



Teres Seymour, Solid Waste Billing Clerk

Years with Program: Since the Transfer Station opened - FOREVER! 18 years.

Basics: I prepare monthly billing statements for tribal programs, import daily tickets from the Transfer Station, answer any questions from community members and distribute PAYT bags to the distributors.

Likes: When I'm able to convince someone of the benefits of the PAYT program and recycling.

Dislikes: People disrespecting Mother Earth by throwing trash in the ditches.

“ *The PAYT program can save you money* ”

Corey Oakes, Per Diem Worker

Years with Program: Six months with the Solid Waste Program and four years experience as a Forestry Laborer having worked on the chipping and Black Ash projects.

Basics: Relieves Scale House Attendants and Refuse Route Drivers when they are on leave taking on their responsibilities for greeting visitors and assisting them with their disposal needs and operating collection vehicles.

Likes: Working toward a cleaner environment for his son, Noah.

Dislikes: Greasy steering wheels. 😞



“ *Look at the size of those fly larvae! Ó0,0,0,>* ”

Non-Member Fishing Regulations

By Lauren Barnes, Environmental Compliance Inspector

Fishing season is here and many anglers from surrounding communities are ready to hit their favorite fishing spots. Non-member fishing regulations were adopted into Tribal regulations to ensure fishing in Akwesasne may be enjoyed by all.

Non-members fishing tribal waters must obtain a Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe “Non-Member Fishing Permit” from the Compliance Department and follow all non-member angling regulations. TCR 2011-52 (Non-Member Fishing Permit Requirements and Law) was passed to protect our waterways from overfishing and crowding. An amendment to these regulations (TCR 2014-07) ensures further protection of our resources during important spawning seasons.

While TCR 2011-52 allowed for non-members to catch and release bass during the spring spawning season, Amendment TCR 2014-07 states that “a non-member may not fish during a closed season for any species within the tributary waterways of the St. Lawrence River, known as the St. Regis River and Raquette River, from the (mouths) location that they enter the St. Lawrence River upstream through the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s jurisdiction. This includes catch and release (sport fishing) during a closed season of a species.”

Non-members may engage in catch and release fishing only if they are a client of a Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Member Registered Guide Service. A Registered Guide Service is allowed up to six non-members per boat who may catch and release during a closed season. Examples of scenarios clarifying this new amendment and existing non-member fishing regulations are described below:

Scenario 1: A non-member with a valid Non-Member Fishing Permit is fishing from the banks of the Raquette River catching and releasing large and small mouth bass during a closed season.

This angler is not fishing legally and may be subject to penalties for violating the closed season. The open season for non-members fishing for bass is the third Saturday in June through November 30 under Tribal regulations.

NON MEMBER FISHING PERMIT REQUIRED



**THIS AREA IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE
AND PATROL**

**THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE HAS ADOPTED
COMPREHENSIVE NON-MEMBER FISHING
REGULATIONS**

**NON-MEMBERS MUST FULLY COMPLY WITH TRIBAL
LAWS**

**VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST
EXTENT OF THE LAW**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE SAINT
REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE AT:
518-358-2272 OR 518-358-5937**





member to be fishing in the SRMT territory. An angler under the age of 16 may also be accompanied by a non-member who possesses a valid SRMT fishing permit. Additionally, the permit holder and the non-member under 16 years of age must not exceed the daily limits of one individual although they are two individuals.

Scenario 2: On Memorial Day, a non-member with a valid Non-Member Fishing Permit is stopped by a SRMT Tribal Member and is discovered to have Northern Pike, Walleye and Yellow Perch in their catch.

In this scenario, the Non-Member is fishing responsibly and in compliance with non-member angling regulations as long as the catch meets minimum length requirements. The open season for these species is the first Saturday in May through March 15.

Scenario 3: On May 30, a boat with five non-members and a local guide are fishing for bass in the Raquette River. A Compliance Inspector stops the boat but finds no bass in the live well. The local guide produces his Registered Guide Service permit and explains that the others are regular clients.

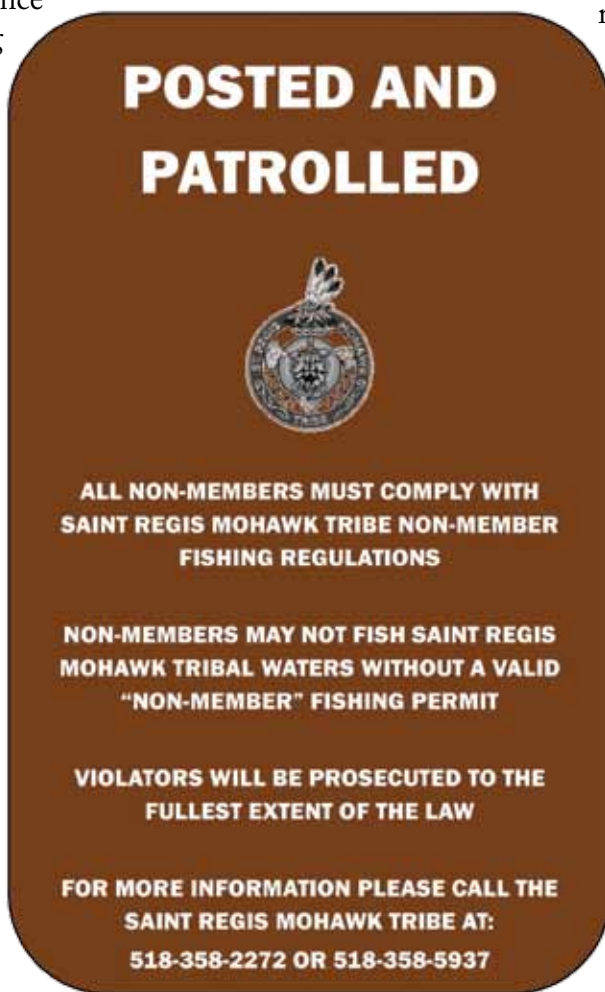
These fishermen are in compliance with the amended regulations. Although the season for bass is closed, they are allowed to sport fish (catch and release) if they are clients of a SRMT Member Registered Guide Service.

Scenario 4: A tribal elder is fishing with his young grandchildren, who are not members, for bass during a season that is closed to non-members.

Children are not required to obtain Non-Member Fishing Permit if they are under the age of 16. An angler under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a

Scenario 5: A non-member is fishing the Raquette River and has caught a large longnose gar. The individual has a valid Non-Member Fishing Permit.

This angler is in violation of the Non-Member Angling Regulations. Longnose gar, along with Atlantic, Shortnose and Lake Sturgeon are closed year-round in Tribal waterways.



Enforcement

If you suspect a non-member may be fishing Tribal waters without a permit or catching fish out of season please contact the Compliance Department at 518-358-2272, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police at 518-358-9200 or the Environment Division at 518-358-5937.

Copies of Non-Member Fishing Regulations, Seasons and Catch limits are available in the Compliance Department, located on the third floor of the Community Building.

Signs notifying the public of the SRMT Non-Member Fishing Regulations will be placed at popular fishing spots. The SRMT Compliance Department thanks the community for respecting our attempt to protect our natural resources. ♦



Annual Tribal Elections

Elections to be Held June 7, 2014

By SRMT Election Board

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Election Board has determined that the following are official candidates in the 2014 annual tribal election:

- For a three-year term of Tribal Chief: Ronald LaFrance Jr., Jean Square, Kallen Martin
- For a three-year term as Tribal Sub-Chief: Michael Connors

Absentee Ballots are now available and can be requested until Wednesday, June 4, 2014. They must be received by the election board by noon on Saturday June 7, 2014.

In accordance with the Election and Referendum Ordinance, Section VII, Eligibility of Voters, states:

At the time of voting an eligible voter must:

1. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
2. Be an enrolled member of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.

3. Reside in the United States for at least six months immediately prior to the election.



4. Have their name on the most current eligible voters list. It is the responsibility of all Tribal members to ensure they are on the eligible voters list.

Any questions or concerns regarding the eligible voters list or requests for an absentee ballot can be directed to the Tribal Clerks Office at 518-358-2272.

The Election Board has scheduled walk-in voting for Wednesday June 4 and Thursday June 5, 2014 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Tribal Community Building. In-home voting is scheduled

for Wednesday June 4 for those eligible voters who are home bound. Please contact the Election Board to schedule in-home voting at 358-2272.

The annual tribal election will be held on June 7, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Community Building. ♦



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