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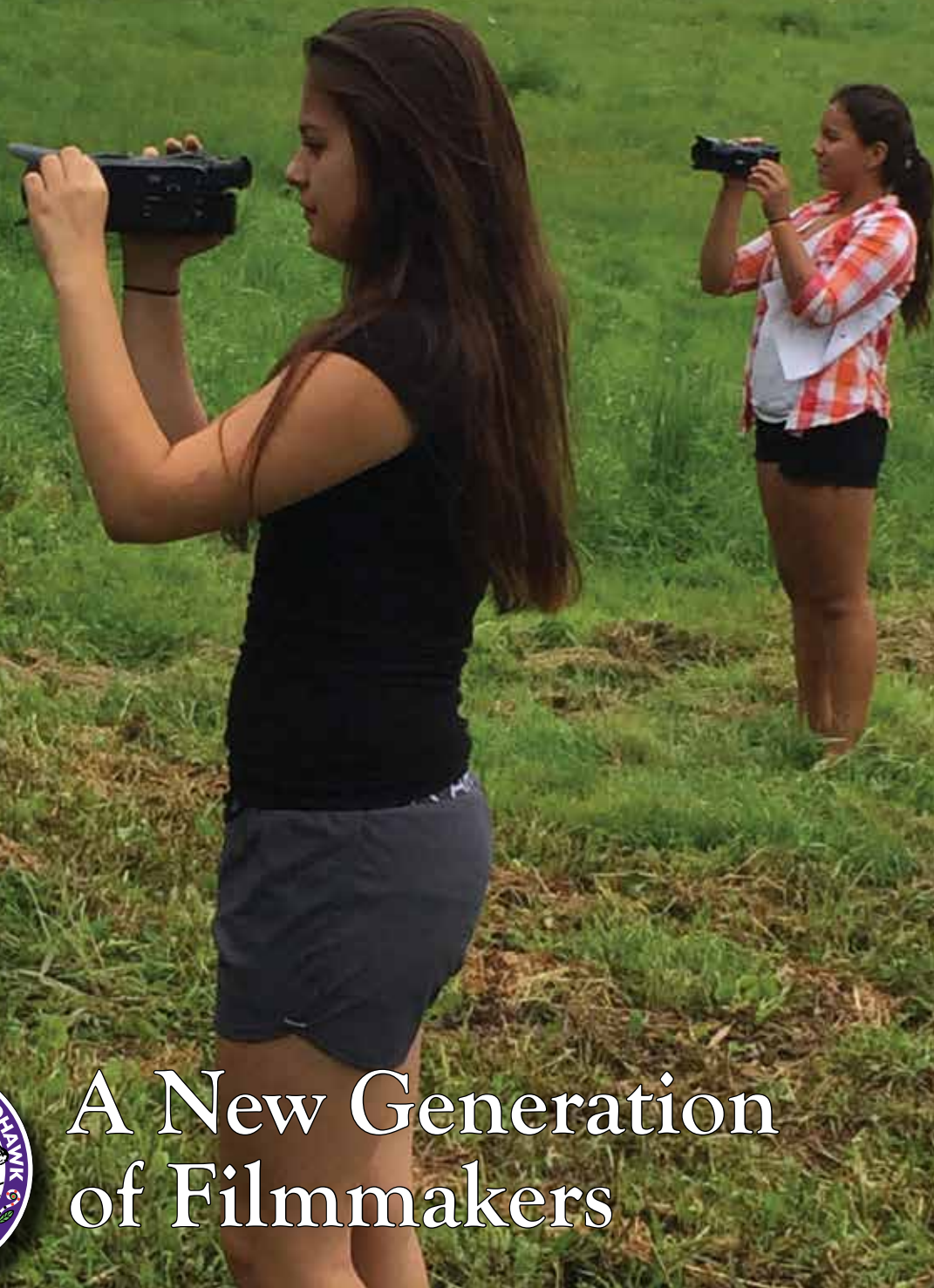
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A New Generation of Filmmakers

Acid Rain

No Dancing in the Rain, Yet

By Angela Benedict, Air Quality Program Manager

So after work one day, I go home to relax and my son says to me, "So mom, you know this thing they call acid rain? Well, do you think it will get so bad that, at some point, it will get so acidic that we will not be able to stand out in the rain without it burning our skin?" I was like, WOW! This kid has been out of high school for two years and he comes up with that. Proud moment for me! Anyway, I told him that because of all the new regulations, it has gotten a lot better. I can say that with confidence, too. The air quality program has a site (NY22) that is part of the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP).

This program started in 1978 and is now operating over 250 sites that collect precipitation (rain, snow and sleet) on a weekly basis. The program actually expanded to a daily monitoring network (1992), a mercury network (1996 for precipitation and 2009 for dry deposition) and an ammonia monitoring network (2007).

One of the key components to acid rain is sulfur dioxide emissions from fossil fuel burning facilities. Regulations were put in place to regulate and reduce in the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990. In 1984,

Brooktrout Lake in the Adirondacks was devoid of fish. In 2006, it was restocked with brook trout and the fish are surviving; definitely a step in the right direction.

It's not only the fish and wildlife that are impacted. Buildings, historic monuments and statues, especially those made of limestone and marble are affected. The acid also increases the corrosion rate of metals especially iron, steel copper and bronze.

Acid rain has gotten better but still needs to be kept an eye on because we don't want to end up back to where we were.

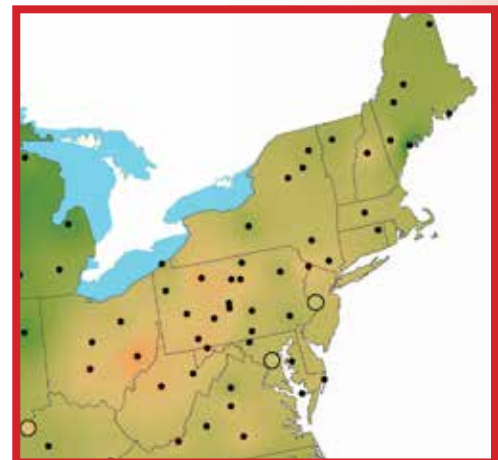
So for now and the next seven generations lets enjoy our fish, waters and of course dancing in the rain! ◇



pH is the abbreviation for potential hydrogen. This scale shows what is alkaline and what is acidic. The neutral area in the middle is where we want our rainwater to be.



Across the Nation, pH levels are showing improvement. In our area, the 1985 pH levels averaged 4.1 and in 2013, it improved to 5.0.



Good Words of Welcome



Shé:kon Akwesasbró:non,

September signals the end of the summer months and the beginning of the fall of the year. Throughout the summer, Council has been busy (*Teionkwaweienhará:’on*) working on policy, lobbying and driving forward our most pressing issues.

Federally, Sub-Chief Conners and I have been working with representatives in the Senate and House. We recognize the value in meeting with Democrats, Republicans and Independents, apprising them of issues that are unique to Akwesasne and the Saint Regis Mohawks, discussing issues ranging from future and potential land claims ratification to border crossing issues and environmental issues. It is our aim to raise the profile of our people and our issues to decision makers in Washington, D.C. Our efforts are being realized. When we began the process, our presence in those circles was almost non-existent. We initiated a proactive strategy designed to engage Congressional leadership; we’ve seen our issues come to be acknowledged and supported.

In addition, our environmental concerns remain at the forefront. This Summer, the EPA hosted all Indian Nations in the State; we pushed for stronger air quality monitoring of sites surrounding Akwesasne, with the

help of our Environment Division, led by Ken Jock and represented by Craig Arquette and Les Benedict. We’ve begun the discussions regarding critical shoreline restoration with organizations including the Seaway International Corporation and the Army Corp. of Engineers.

This summer, we saw the opening of the lacrosse box at Generations Park. This was made possible because of the efforts of many people who care deeply that the children of Akwesasne have a safe place to practice and play a great game that teaches valuable lessons that can be carried with them throughout life. We were visited by the Thompsons; both Ty Thompson and all four of the Thompson brothers, all of whom have brought pride and garnered respect in the circles they have travelled; collegiate, amateur and professional levels of lacrosse.

As summer comes to a close, we embark to cooler parts of the year, inevitably bringing us into the deep freeze of the winter months. We have announced the 2014 Fall fuel allotment program for the seniors, with the Winter 2014-2015 fuel allotment to follow. Please sign up for the program to ensure assistance is received.

Sub-Chief Eric Thompson

On the Cover:

JOM / Title VII Summer Film students, Avery Benedict and Chrissy Benedict, capturing nature scenes in Akwesasne.

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Years of Service Recognized

By Aimée Benedict, Publications Manager

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe hosted an employee recognition ceremony at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort on Friday, August 20, 2014 with over 50 employees in attendance. The employee recognition ceremony occurs annually and recognizes employees who have worked for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe for a minimum of five years.

Executive Director Tsiorasa Barreiro provided each recipient with a congratulatory letter stating, "People are and always will be our greatest asset. Know that you are an important member of our team and your abilities and contributions will be an important part of our continued success."

Anthony Tillman, Employee Relations Specialist, emceed the event and announced each staff member and personally thanked each for the hard work and dedication they've provided over the years. Tribal Council Chiefs Beverly Cook and Ron LaFrance Jr. offered congratulations and handed each recipient their gift.

Each employee received a gift on behalf of the Tribe. Five-year employees received a mug, the 10 and 15-year recipients received Jordan Thompson artistic prints. The employees celebrating 20-years received a corn husk doll. Each recipient received time off as well as their gift. The 25 and 30-year recipients received Mohawk sweet grass baskets purchased from the Akwesasne Cultural Center.

5 Years

Edwina Fry, IRA
Julia L. Jacobs, Environment
Lyndie Brann, Additions & Counseling
Chad Sherman, Group Home
Wanda Patterson, Medical Clinic
Trina M. Terrance, Family Support
Nikita G. Elijah, HIP
Cathy Stowell, Group Home
Zachery Herne, HIP
Jodanna Logan, Dental Clinic
Leslie K Benedict II, Technical Support
Trudey Casselman, Group Home
Stacey Loran, Preventive Services
Douglas E. Hamilton, Family Support
Melissa Dunkelberg, ECDP
Riccardo Najar, Environment
William T. Ransom, Tribal Police
Renee Roundpoint-Adams, Tribal Police
Ruth Ann Session, IRA
Jennilee Jacobs, Family Support
Ronald Swamp, Tribal Police
Vicki Herne, Accounting
Valerie Manson, Additions & Counseling
Cameron Mitchell, Tribal Gaming
Margaret R. Jacobs, Human Resources
Joanna Cook, Intensive Preventive
Anita Plann, Mental Health
Mary Frances Arquette, Environment
Kawenniiosta Jock, Social Services
Decota Thompson, Tribal Police
Diane E. Larock, Outreach
Justin Durant, Maintenance
Darryl J. Ransom, Family Support
Carole M. Ross, Historic Preservation
Yolanda Thomas, HS Business Office
Jeremy Thompson, Tribal Gaming

10 Years

Joanne L. McDonald, Protective Services
Melissa Carr, IRA

Jennifer Brown, CSEU
Mary Pecore, ECDP
Jennifer Sawyer, HS Business Office
Charles F. Thompson, Compliance
Alison J. Chatland, IRA
Trenia M. Gero, IRA
Vanna A. White, ECDP
Shawn W. Flanders, Tribal Gaming
Mario Aguirre, IRA
Jaqueline A. Lauzon, IRA
Tracey A. Soulia, IRA
Amanda M. Jacobs, CSEU
Wendy Tremblay, IRA
Leslie D. Benedict Jr., Tribal Gaming
Joseph R. Leclair, Tribal Gaming
Calvan L. Thomas, MSC
Marlene E. Thompson, Environment
Joe L. Hurteau, IRA
Kenneth Burwell, Supportive Apartments
Alison Herne, Mental Health
Michael J. Cook, Health Services

15 Years

Jason J. McDonald, Community & Family
Glenn A. Hill, Tribal Police
Louise Jacobs, Medical Clinic
Ross Garrow, Tribal Gaming
Randolph Jock, Tribal Gaming
Elaine F. Thompson, Tribal Gaming
Greg Cole, Tribal Gaming
Jeremy Cree, Tribal Gaming
Damon Gibson, Tribal Gaming
Gregory J. Hendricks, Tribal Gaming
Marion D. Hummel, Tribal Gaming
Kanentio J. Mitchell, Tribal Gaming
Salvatore F. Rizzo, Tribal Gaming
Ryan Thompson, Tribal Gaming
Cory W. White, Tribal Gaming
Cindy White, Tribal Gaming
George Ransom, Tribal Gaming
Ernest Thompson, Planning & Infrastructure

Ann Marie Bero, Tribal Council
Cherrie A. Lazore, Family Support
Helen A. Lazore, Outreach
Florence Deon, ECDP

20 Years

Michelle Hopps, Maintenance
Gloria Benedict, Partridge House
Wayne A. Bero, Tribal Gaming
Juanita M. Arquette, HS Business Office
Vikki A. Dixon, CSEU
Elaine Castor, Dental Clinic
Sharon Jackson, Medical Clinic
Dawn Thompson, Accounting
Loretta E. Benedict, HS Business Office
Jonathan Bero, Planning & Infrastructure
Duane M. Greenfield, Tribal Gaming
Jill Conrad, Mental Health
Tina M. Tarbell, Office for the Aging

25 Years

Roderick Garrow, HIP
William Arquette, Maintenance

30 Years

Lori J. Thompson, HS Business Office
Deborah A. Cooke, Pharmacy ◇



Child Support Unit

Why Choose Mediation During a Child Support Case

By Amanda Jacobs, Case Manager

Mediation is a voluntary and confidential process that works to resolve conflicts in an informal setting. In a mediation session, individual parties or groups work with a trained, third party, called a mediator. A mediator is a highly skilled person who helps people resolve differences, listens to each person, and will help both sides talk about finding a solution to their problems. The mediator does not make decisions for people, they do not take sides and does not place blame on anyone.

With the help of the mediator, the parties in conflict are given the opportunity to discuss their issues and goals. Then, through a series of guided communications, they are able to work toward a constructive resolution. Mediators do not make decisions about the dispute.

What is unique to the mediation process is that all decisions and solutions are made by the parties themselves. By working collaboratively parents maintain control over decisions that need to be made

involving their family, if agreements cannot be reached through mediation the control is then given to a Judge who will decide. When you have a court hearing there will always be a winner and a loser, but in mediation both parties are the winners, both parties agree to do what is best for their children.

Mediation is not a court hearing. Witnesses and evidence are not necessary. Mediation is not a process to determine guilt or innocence and is not meant to punish anyone. Child Support has historically been seen in a negative light. Our goal at the SRMT CSEU is to engage parents so they can work together and develop an agreement that will meet the needs of the children that they share, to ensure the children's needs are made first priority. Mediation will provide the parents with

an opportunity to open the lines of communication.

Many times when parents separate children often suffer. Children get caught in the middle of disputes even when parents try their best to avoid that situation children know when their parents are at odds. Mediation helps parents focus on what's best for the children and teaches you as parents how to communicate effectively. Mediation focuses on the future; both parents love their children and want what is best for them, the mediation process focuses on the future and creating a workable plan that allows the children to have meaningful, dynamic relationship with both parents.

Through mediation, mothers and fathers receive a sense of ownership both in the dispute and its resolution,

making compliance voluntary with the result. An additional benefit is that the lessons learned during mediation help the parties address future conflicts more effectively.

The parents of the children are the only two people who can make mediation successful. Listed below are a few things to help ensure a successful outcome.

- Decide what the issues are for you
- Be willing to listen to the other person's point of view
- Be willing to discuss all issues
- Think about possible solutions

If you would like more information or to schedule an intake session, please contact Amanda Jacobs, SRMT CSEU Case Manager at 518-358-2272 ext. 417 or email: amanda.jacobs@srmt-nsn.gov. ♦

Pharmacy

Health Services Program Feature

By Michael Cook, Health Services Director

As many of you are painfully aware, we have had two unexpected closures of the Medical Facility in the past month. These situations remind us that we may not always be prepared for unexpected closures. For one, we received many requests for the Pharmacy. We are asking that you, as a patient, plan on not having immediate pharmacy services during these situations. Please plan ahead with your medications so that you do not run out during emergency situations.

In regard to the Pharmacy, here are some frequently asked questions and answers:

1. What happens if I lose my medication?

Depending on the prescription and insurance, we can usually replace the medication. We may just be able to give a few but in some rare cases, none. We may suggest you look around for your medication. We are not refusing you, but some medications are very expensive.

2. When can I get a refill on my medication? Medications are usually okay to refill five days before they are due. Many controlled drugs can only be refilled on a specific day because of the rules that apply. Please be aware we are trying to get the most out of your insurance reimbursement and also to keep you from having too many pills.

3. What do I do if, when I get home from the Pharmacy, I find that the color and shape of my medication has changed?

You should give us a call. We may have changed to a generic brand which could have changed the size, color and/or shape of the medication. We usually place an auxiliary label on your bottle that states, "This is the same medication you have been getting: color, size or shape may appear different".

4. If I have questions on my medications, how do I call/talk to a Pharmacist?

Leaving a message is the best way. We schedule return call times in the morning and in the afternoon, so it may

not be right away. Urgent medical calls should be directed to the triage nurse in the Medical Clinic.

5. What are the hours of operation for the Pharmacy? The Pharmacy is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. We appreciate a few days notice for your refills. There is the possibility that we are out of medication and this will give us a chance to get it in.

6. Why is reading your label is important?

In the middle of the label, below the instructions on how you take the medication, this will tell you how many refills you have left until it expires. Knowing this will help you understand if it can be refilled.

7. Did you know that we have an automated refill system that requires just the RX Number?

The RX number appears above your name on the label in BOLD LETTERS (six numbers long). You call 518-358-3141, ext. 450 to reach the automated system. Instructions for using the automated system are handed out with prescription pickup.

8. Did you know that using your prescription number when asking for a refill will make it easier for the Pharmacy staff?

We serve thousands of patients at the Medical Clinic. When we have somebody who wants us to refill what they need, we have no idea what that would be. We have medication lists in the computer, but it may be difficult to decipher what they may need if they are on many medications. A list of your medications with prescription numbers would be very helpful.

9. When you are picking up controlled drugs for someone else, did you know that you will need to show identification?

You should be prepared to show identification and also know the date of birth and address of the person receiving the prescription. This will make sure the correct medication is going to the correct person and not someone with the same name. ♦



Keep Track and Properly Store All Medications Safely

Red Ribbon Week

By Megan Bushey, Prevention Specialist

Red Ribbon Week. It's a tongue twister but what does it symbolize and why do we celebrate it every year? Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. It was begun in honor of Enrique (Kiki) Camarena, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Agent, who was tortured and killed in Mexico in 1985. When he decided to join the US Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I'm only one person", he told her, "and I want to make a difference."

In response to his murder, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America. Community coalitions used him as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference.

Red Ribbon Week is celebrated every year from October 23 – 31. During this time, the Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency Prevention Program plans and coordinates activities in the schools and

community to recognize the importance of living a healthy drug free life. This year we are encouraging local businesses, health clinics, law enforcement, seniors centers and community members to show their support for Red Ribbon Week and participate with the following theme days.

Along with making surprise visits to the schools and within the community, the A/CDP Prevention Program will also be participating in the Plant the Promise Campaign. The campaign brings awareness to making the promise to live healthy and drug free lives by planting tulip bulbs. They are usually planted during Red Ribbon Week in October and bloom in April, Alcohol Awareness Month, which serves as a reminder of our commitment.

Other activities being planned for Red Ribbon Week include presentations at the schools and a family "Minute to Win It" game night. Red Ribbons will be available to the community at the health clinics and local businesses. The A/CDP Prevention Program looks forward to celebrating a drug free, violence free life with you, not just for a week, but for life. ♦

October 27 - Wear *Red* Day

"Red-y to Live Drug Free and Make a Difference"

Everyone is encouraged to wear red or ribbon shirts/dresses



October 28 - Superhero Day

"Be a Hero...Have the Power to Say No"

Wear your favorite superhero clothing



October 29 - Jersey Day

"Stay in the Game, Play Drug Free"

Wear your favorite jersey or sports shirt



October 30 - Crazy Hat/Hair Day

"Hats Off to Being Drug Free" "Hairs to a Drug Free Life"

Wear your crazy hat or crazy hair



October 31 - Costume Day

"Say BOO to Drugs"

Wear your costume



Sisters in Spirit

By Kaniehtawaks Francis, Program Manager

The Three Sisters Program has had a recent programmatic change. For as long as I can remember, the Three Sisters Program has existed within the Division of Social Services. This has led to some confusion amongst people who have been interested in accessing our program. We decided that we should petition for a change so that the community would feel more at ease.

As of September 8, the Three Sisters Program is no longer a part of the Division of Social Services. We have been moved the Community and Family Services Division. We ask community members to understand that our goal is to help women, children and men who are in domestic violence situations find their way to safety. It is not to take children away from their mothers or fathers which was a common misconception. The safety of clients is, and always has been, our priority. I hope that this change makes it easier for individuals to access our services in the future.

Upcoming Events

We also invite all of you to join us in our Second Sisters in Spirit Event which will be held on October 4, 2014 at Tsionkwanatiio (Helena Road) at dusk. This year's event will be hosted by the Three Sisters Program, the Seven Dancers Coalition and the Akwesasne Community Justice Program.

The event includes a candlelight vigil with speakers followed by a lantern release in honor of Native victims across Canada and the United States who have lost their lives to violence. Coffee, hot chocolate and refreshments will be provided. This is such an important event to bring light to an issue that is not talked about nearly enough, so please join us in remembrance. At the finale of the lantern release, please stay for a family showing of Smoke Signals. The movie will be shown outdoors so please bring chairs and blankets. We look forward to seeing everyone!

The Three Sisters Program is also working hand-in-hand with local businesses and agencies to put out information and statistics on domestic violence throughout the month of October on business signs and throughout State Route 37, as well as community buildings, so be on the lookout. I can't say enough about how much local businesses like Twinleaf, Tarbell Management Group, Dunkin' Donuts, the Chum Bucket and fellow Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Programs have helped and continue to help the program. We give a big Niawen:kówa to all of them for their continued efforts and support. ♦



Education Division

By Stephanie Cook, Executive Director of Education

We extend our appreciation and best wishes to the faculty, staff, students and their families on a successful return to school for the 2014-2015 school year.

We take great pride in the efforts of all who work in education. It takes an enormous amount of dedication to work in this field - continually focusing on the very basic tenant of what needs to be done and that is to educate our children in the most respectful, nurturing and safe way we can. Our students are our future and the efforts we put forth and the diligence we demonstrate are indicative of the educational experience they will receive. Below are some updates and information about the Education Division programs.

Johnson O'Malley (JOM)

The JOM program recently completed their needs assessment and here are the results: for students in grades Pre-K-5, the top three identified needs were (1) hands-on science, math and engineering activities, (2) and (3) summer program and cultural enrichment activities. For grades 6-12 the identified needs were tutorial services, cultural enrichment and college tours. What this means for you is that our JOM program will focus on these core areas for the 2014-2015 school year. Also, JOM has the following activities planned for October:

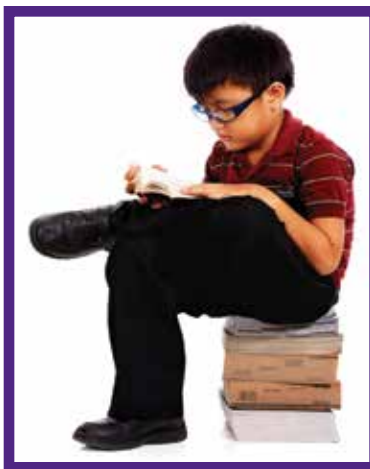
- 10/3 - Grade 7/8 Hiking Trip for JW Leary Students
- 10/4 - Clarkson Open House
- 10/7 - AISES Meeting
- 10/12-10/13 - Syracuse University Visit
- 10/24 - SUNY Canton Open House

Higher Education

Currently, we have 246 students pursuing an undergraduate degree. We also have 30 full- and part-time students working on their graduate level degree. We are extremely proud of the students that continue to pursue their education! Be on the lookout for our Higher Education team at the October 1 College Fair

at Salmon River. They will have a table set up so that they can meet the students and explain our program. In addition, Rod and Sam will be in Massena and Salmon River more frequently to become familiar with the students and continue to develop a solid relationship between our Higher Education program and the students and families we serve. They are also working on solidifying student workshops and outreach events for the year.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)



*Wishing all Students a Successful
2014-2015 School Year*

WIOA formerly known as WIA, employed six students over the summer. These students were able to find employment with our Tribal Head Start, Intensive Preventive Program and Office for the Aging (OFA). They gained valuable hands-on work experience and mentorship through this summer employment program. We recognize that a need exists within the community to provide summer employment for our youth and we are working on some projects to address this critical shortage of employment opportunities.

Early Childhood Development Program

Our parking lot project was just completed. This much needed construction endeavor was funded collaboratively through Federal and Tribal funds. The improvements have drastically improved the overall safety of our children and all who traverse daily to our facility. There is increased parking, one way flow for traffic and a designated bus pick-up and drop-off location. Also, our Head Start summer program was cut short due to the construction that was occurring on site. Despite this obstacle, we were able to serve 50 Head Start students for the summer program.

If we can be of assistance, please contact us at 518-358-2272 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. We are located on the second floor of the Community Building. *Nia:wen:kówa* for allowing us the opportunity to work for you. ♦

2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe - Public Water Supply ID # 1617071

Introduction

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe will annually provide the community of Akwesasne a report of the drinking water quality to your home or business to comply with federal regulations. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and the need to protect and conserve the drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met drinking water health standards. We continue to assess and improve our operations to ensure that we continue to provide drinking water that meets and exceeds health based standards. Details are provided below in the "Table of Regulated Detectable Contaminants" and in the "Notes" following the table.

What's in the Source Water?

Our drinking water comes from the St. Lawrence River. The sources of drinking water are surface waters such as streams, rivers, lakes, or ground water from wells that tap underground aquifers. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

A Source Water Protection Plan has been developed to help establish a way to protect any source of contamination to the river from upstream sources.

How does the water get to my home?

Water is pumped from the St. Lawrence River to the water treatment plant on Garrow Road. The water goes through treatment by dual-sand filtration, powdered activated carbon (PAC), chlorination, and ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection. The treated water is then stored in a clearwell, pumped to the water tower on McGee Road where it is gravity fed to your faucets. It is also stored on State Route 37 for fire protection by way of booster pumps. The system currently supplies water to residents of Akwesasne.

The treatment plant is a dual-sand filtration system and uses sodium hypochlorite and UV for disinfection. The plant has the capability of producing 1.4 million

gallons of treated water per day.

We presently have 1,000 connections and produce an average of 550,000 gallons of water per day

How can I get this chlorine taste and smell out of my water?

The water is treated with chlorine before it leaves the plant to protect public health and prevent microbiological organisms from growing. You can place a carbon filter (i.e. Brita©) on your faucet to remove the chlorine taste or allow a pitcher of it to sit on the counter before refrigerating. The facility has undergone an upgrade to extend the raw water intake 112 ft. to provide water of greater quality and reduces chemical use.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency provides guidance and prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain substances in water provided by public water systems.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the SRMT Environment Division or the Environmental Protection Agency Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to certain contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be at particular risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA and Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by

Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Outreach Office at the clinic and at the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. SRMT is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing

components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. For concerns about lead in your water, have the water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/ead>.

Regulated Detected Chemical Parameters

Inorganics

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT, AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	No	08/30/12	0.17	mg/L	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	No	08/30/12	0.13	mg/L	4.0	MCL=2.2 NYSDOH standard	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium	No	08/30/12	.02	mg/l	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Lead ¹	No	October 2011	0.001 (.001-.003)	mg/l	0	AL= .015 mg/l	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper ²	No	October 2011	0.057 (.003-0.47)	mg/l	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Uranium*	No	2005	2.24	ug/l	0	30	Erosion of natural deposits

* Uranium determination was made by a radioactivity method. The last result was 1.5 pCi/L. The result was converted to mass (ug/l) by dividing 1.5 pCi/L by 0.67 = 2.24 ug/l.

Microbiological Contaminants

Total coliform	No	Monthly (10/mo)	0	Negative or positive	0	1 positive monthly allowed	Naturally present in environment
Fecal coliform and E.coli	No	Monthly (10/mo)	0	Negative or positive	0	None	Human and animal waste

Turbidity

Turbidity ³	No	Daily July 2	0.279	NTU	N/A	1 NTU maximum allowed	Soil runoff; stormwater
Turbidity ³	No	Daily July 12	.00 - 0.279	NTU	N/A	0.3 - 95% of samples - TT	

Disinfection By-Products

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) ⁴ Water treatment plant - WTP	No	Quarterly See Note	41.6 40.3 37.3 44.6 23 - WTP	ug/L	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) ⁴ WTP	No	Quarterly See Note	25 24.3 25.3 27 22.3 -WTP	ug/L	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Other Detected Contaminants

Contaminant	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	Guideline
Semi-Volatile Organic Chemicals	Non-detect	mg/l	See Note #5

Notes:

N/A - means not applicable

1 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 20 sites sampled. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90 % of the lead samples detected at your water system. There were no violations due to the 90th percentile being below the Action Level.

2 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 20 sites sampled. There were no violations due to the 90th percentile being below the Action Level.

3 – Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We test turbidity because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. We did not have any violations of turbidity in 2011. Original turbidimeters failed in March and were replaced in late April / early May. All numbers were manually logged in to the operator's logbook.

4 – This level represents the local averages calculated from the data collected on a quarterly basis at five sites. Routine flushing and disinfection management has kept the by-products in check.

5 – Organic chemical sampling was done for our three year requirement. EPA method 524.2 POC's, Vinyl Chloride, and MTBE was used.

Definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Action Level (AL): The level that, if exceeded, triggers a treatment or other requirement that a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Health Effects Language:

Turbidity: Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Total Coliform Bacteria: Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present.

Fecal coliform: Fecal coliforms and *E. coli* are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

Lead: Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. Additional information is available from the SRMT Health Services or the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). ◇

Community Partnership Fund

By Aimée Benedict, Publications Manager

The Community Partnership Fund provides financial support to the Akwesasne community in specific areas. Support is provided on a competitive basis for activities and events which promote physical, mental or spiritual health and wellness, education or Mohawk Culture.

Support is provided to community non-profit organizations, youth athletes, specific community events, fundraisers, youth sports teams, sports associations, elders' events and programs which support Mohawk culture.

A six-person committee meets every month and reviews applications. The Committee is made up of two representatives from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and four from the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort; two from the casino and two from the Mohawk Bingo Palace.

Funding is received from gaming revenues from the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort in the amount of \$240,000. It has been supplemented by an annual donation of \$40,000 from Pepsi. The Pepsi donation is specifically geared to support children and youth in sports activities.

The assistance is broken down into several categories. The sports categories include both teams and individuals, golf fundraiser sponsorships and sports associations.

The community events category includes occasions where everyone is invited to attend or participate such as the annual Akwesasne Winter Carnival, Akwesasne International Powwow, Kids for Fishing, Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment Roadside Cleanup, the Salmon River All-Night Grad Party, Stuff the Bus and other school supply drives.

Training and development has provided funds for the hosting of workshops, gatherings and conferences and allowing individuals to attend them, educational trips for students, the development of art exhibits, theatrical events

and publishing.

Cultural events which have received funding include the Rites of Passage and the Mohawk culture camp.

One of the largest uses of the funding goes into the final category, Community Hardship. It has two components: hardships and funerals.

Hardship requests are handled through the Social Services Division. They have their own application, criteria and review process and can assist with locating other resources for those in need. In 2013, the funeral allowance increased from \$500 to \$1,000 in recognition of the increasing cost of funeral expenses.

The previous month's donations are reported in the Donations section of each month's Kawennies newsletter. The committee will accept applications from enrolled members of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne or Mohawk Nation. If an organization, they must be a non-profit. If funded, the individual or organization's members must provide community service. Recipients must provide a summary of the event and act as good ambassadors of the community of Akwesasne. Specific criteria exist for the applications. Full

Community Partnership Fund criteria, and application forms, are available at the Tribal Administration office located in the Tribal Administration Building.

Information is currently being gathered for a new edition of the Benefits of Gaming for the years from 2011 through 2013. The publication provides a breakdown of where the casino gaming revenues are spent and how this benefits the community. It includes the Community Partnership Fund, donations directly from the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort to local agencies and also the amounts disbursed by the Tribal General Fund to support tribal programs and services. ♦

2013 Community Partnership Fund Donations	
Sports	\$ 36,115.00
Community Events	35,230.00
Golf Sponsorships	4,500.00
Elders	4,500.00
Sports Associations	10,000.00
Hardship	79,298.07
Funerals	49,500.00
Cultural Programming	25,500.00
Training & Development	4,100.00
Fundraiser Activities	1,100.00
Miscellaneous	3,160.00
Total	\$ 253,003.07

Tribal Monthly Meeting

Seskéhkó:wa/September 6, 2014 - Chaired by Chief Beverly Cook

Agenda

1. Welcome - Chairperson
 - Reading of Action Items - Tribal Clerk
2. Waterline Update - Ernest Thompson
3. Education Division Update - Stephanie Cook
4. New Business
 - Proposal Presentation - Ruth Bell
5. Reading of Action Items
 - Tribal Clerk
6. Adjournment

Action Items from September Meeting

1. None

Follow-up of August Monthly Meeting Action Items

1. To have the Akwesasne Housing Authority provide the number of non-natives residing in the HUD units available to Tribal Council.

As requested, the AHA did an analysis of the data regarding the issue of non-native individuals residing in AHA's HUD-assisted housing units. Their data shows that out of nearly 300 Mutual-help (1937 Act & NAHASDA) homes, there are 10 individuals registered as occupying housing units under AHA's management. Please note that since the Tribal Council passed TCR 2000-210, the AHA has not awarded any new homeownership units to mixed marriage couples. Also, there is no known tribal ordinance in place that sets guidelines and/or occupancy laws that prohibits the AHA from allowing non-native individuals from residing in HUD-assisted housing as part of an eligible household.

2. To have a Tribal Council follow up on the investigation regarding the one week suspension of an employee.

This is a personnel issue. Pursuant to the Tribal Procedures Act, Section VII. Monthly Tribal Meetings, § C.6., there will be no discussions related to personnel issues.

3. To have Tribal Council follow up on the sick leave

of elected officials.

Because Elected Officials (Tribal Chiefs, Tribal Sub-Chiefs, Tribal Clerk and Chief Judge) are not employees of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, they do not accrue sick, or any sort of leave credits. As such, there is no documentation regarding previous dates and lengths of leave. Several instances were reported by staff from memory of known leave times for former Elected Officials, however with no definitive dates and lengths. Since the enactment of the Tribal Procedures Act in 2013, it is now a requirement for Tribal Chiefs to submit written documentation to the Tribal Clerk's Office regarding a transfer of authority to his/her Sub-Chief, but there currently exists no additional policies/requirements for all other Elected Officials to document leave.

4. To reach out to Massena Chamber of Commerce regarding businesses not accepting tax exempt cards.

The law states that purchases delivered to the reservation are tax exempt for Tribal members, the Tribe would have to lobby for changes to tax regulations in order for all purchases to be exempt. The General Counsel will work with the Tribe's state lobbyist to arrange meetings with the Governor's office on this issue.

Status of Outstanding Monthly Meeting Motions from the Floor

2. Draft and adopt an ordinance to ban the sale and display of drug paraphernalia from our community as soon as possible. Moved by Beatrice White, seconded by Ruth Bell. Vote: In Favor - 10, Opposed - 1; Carried.

The Tribal Council, in conjunction with the Tribe's Compliance Department, met with the Akwesasne Convenience Store Association on June 27, 2014 to discuss this issue. A community meeting is being planned for community members to voice their concerns and hear the facts on this issue. The date and time of the community meeting will be announced as soon as it becomes available. ◇

Calendar

Kenténha / October 2014

- 4 - *Áse Tsi Tewá:ton* Experience - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Akwesasne Freedom School site, State Route 37 West
4 - Tribal Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Community Building lobby
4 - Sisters in Spirit - 5:00 p.m. - Tsionkwannatiio Heritage Center (raindate October 11)
5 - *Áse Tsi Tewá:ton* Experience - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Tsionkwannatiio Heritage Center
14 - Social Security Administration - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Tribal Clerk's office
13 - Fall Heritage Day Holiday - All offices and programs closed. AERC and Transfer Station closed.
27 to 31 - Red Ribbon Week

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

New Faces

Karlee Bigtree	Floater	Administration
Jason H. Cole	Technical Support	Broadband
Quinn F. King	Youth Worker	Group Home
Eric J. Quinones	Counselor	Health Services - Partridge House
Wahienhawi Hall	Mental Health Counselor	Health Services - Mental Health
Wendy Adams	Gaming Inspector	Tribal Gaming
Kallie R. Diabo	Gaming Inspector	Tribal Gaming
Laurie L. Thompson	Graphic Designer	Communications Department

Donations

Golf Tournaments - \$1,500 Cultural Development - \$ 7,500 Training/Development - \$ 500

Jobs

Medicaid Service Coordinator and Supervisor - Family Support	Health Promotion Specialist - Let's Get Healthy
Habilitation Aide - Family Support	Dispatcher - Tribal Police
Master, Fishing & River Use - Environment	Production Technician - Akwesasne TV
Home Health Aide - Outreach Chronic Care	Sales Representative - Akwesasne TV
Childcare Teacher - ECDP	Chief of Police - Tribal Police

View complete Tribal job announcements at www.srmt-nsn.gov/employment
Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort positions are posted at www.mohawkasino.com
Akwesasne and surrounding area positions are posted at www.myaerc.org



Áse Tsí Tewá:ton Experience

Two days of sharing cultural knowledge and
Kanien'keha language

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday October 4:

Location: Akwesasne Freedom School (Rt. 37 East site)

Guest speakers, Kanien'keha community language class, horticulture & traditional food workshop on cornwashing, cornbread & cider making, honey extraction demonstrations, muskrat photo booth, demonstrations on traps, hides, archery & worm casting

Sunday October 5:

Location: Tsionkwanatí:io Heritage Center

Guest speakers, Kanien'keha community language class, traditional medicines & healing, fishing & river use demonstrations, medicine walk, salve workshop, tea tasting, mini-sweat lodge experience, tea leaf readings, fish smoking demonstration, displays of local maps & fish box.

Lunch will be provided

Presented by: Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Ahkwesáhsne Cultural Restoration Program.
For more information call 518-333-0222



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