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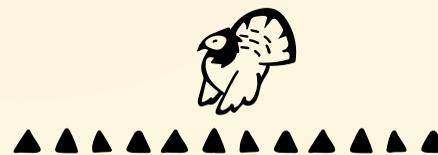
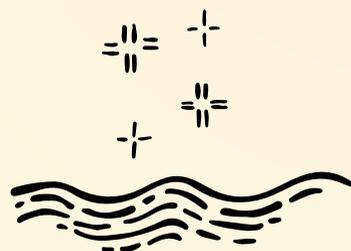
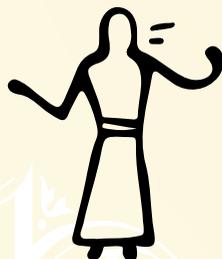
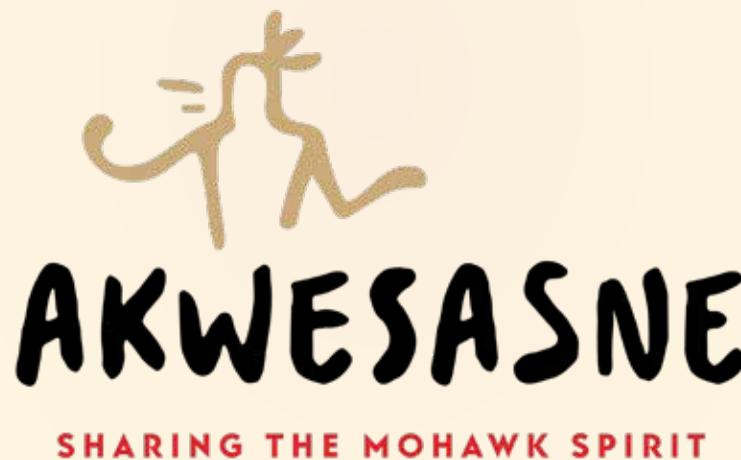
Experience Akwesasne: Akwesasne Tourism Logo and Branding Released!

By Penny Peters, Tourism Industry Development Manager
Office of Economic Development

Akwesasne Tourism is happy to share their new logo and tagline with the community. The branding process started back in *Enniskó:wa*/March and through many meetings, research and workshops, the final logo and brand was established. The tourism team was excited to work with local artisan and entrepreneur Sydney Jacobs of *Ken'niwa:a* to design our logo and glyphs. Friendly, authentic and warm; the logo stays true to the values of sharing the Mohawk spirit through storytelling. The stylized glyph of a Mohawk man who is welcoming visitors to Akwesasne through movement and speech was chosen after much debate and feedback from the members of the Akwesasne Tourism Working Group. The brand will also be using a series of glyphs to further exemplify traditional values and storytelling. The brand strategy is built on stories and

storytelling. The visitor should be hearing and seeing stories all along the path to experiencing Akwesasne, including the opportunity to tell visual stories and create genuine interactions through art. The Tourism team and Akwesasne Tourism Working Group are thrilled about the progress being made for Akwesasne cultural tourism and continues to welcome local entrepreneurs, artisans and community members to stop in and learn more about this exciting initiative. The Tourism office is located at the Akwesasne Business Center Suite 101, 447 Frogtown Road, and can be reached at (518)358-4238 or tourism@srmt-nsn.gov.

The Akwesasne Tourism brand was a project funded through an EDA award that includes a marketing strategy, brand book and website development. ♦



Good Words of Welcome



She:kon Akwesashró:non,

Niawen:kowa big thank you to everyone who participated and voted in the 2018 Tribal Election. I appreciate your support and am looking forward to serving Tribal membership over the next three years. We are always preparing for the next Tribal Election. I encourage everyone to contact our office to update your personal information including mailing and physical addresses to ensure you're eligible to vote.

We have been preparing for the exciting move into the new Tribal Administration Building (*Ionkwakiohkwaró:ron* / Our Group Gathered) which is scheduled to occur sometime mid to late November. During this time, services will be limited as we settle in.

In an effort to increase accuracy and efficiency of the vital records that we store for Tribal members, we are conducting our own internal audit. We encourage everyone to come in and review their membership and land files and to provide any other necessary information for safekeeping. Documents we could store for you include birth certificates, wills, deeds, powers of attorney and any documents for name and status changes such as marriage, divorce and separation agreements.

As a reminder, the Social Security representative is available every second Tuesday of the month to process new and replacement Social Security Cards from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the Tribal Clerk's Office. The representative is not able to process new Social Security claims at these times. For further questions regarding Social Security Services, please call the Tribal Clerk's Office or the local Social Security office located in Ogdensburg at (866) 572-8369.

In order to improve services to membership, the Tribal Clerk's staff meet every Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to discuss improvements in services and procedures and review any issues that might have occurred during the week. The office is closed during that time.

We have just begun a new initiative to educate young voters on their civic responsibilities through a mailer that will be sent to all 18-year olds during their birth month, which follows-up a tribal meeting action item received earlier this year to help young tribal members better understand the voting process. The Happy Birthday letters also outline any changes and responsibilities for new adults including how their health insurance coverages may change.

Our goal is to meet the needs and wishes of Tribal membership by providing friendly, helpful and prompt service. The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Clerk staff available to assist you are:

Summer Bero, Tribal Clerk

Derrick King, Interim Deputy Clerk/Lands & Estates Officer

Terry Cree, Records Clerk

Lillian Barton, Records Management Officer

Arlene Lafrance, Records Management Administrative Assistant

Skén:nen/Peace

Summer Bero, Tribal Clerk

Residency Survey Results

Executive Summary

In 2018, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) contracted the Potsdam Institute for Applied Research (PIAR) at SUNY Potsdam to conduct a residency survey. The survey's purpose was to gauge the opinion of tribal members on the potential establishment of a Residency Law.

The survey consisted of 23 questions distributed to 13,641 tribal members and/or households. There were 1,204 paper surveys completed; with 975 returned by mail and 229 completed online — return rate of 8.8%.

The following represents a summary of responses to key areas:

- Approximately ninety-seven percent (96.9%) indicated they are members of or eligible to be members of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. Approximately forty-four percent (43.8%) of the respondents live on the SRMT territory with seventy-two percent (71.7%) living within New York State, including on the U.S. side of the territory. The largest percentage of respondents are in the 66 plus years of age group.
- Approximately seventy-two percent (71.8%) of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that there should be a residency law for the Tribe. Approximately fifty-three percent (53.4%) of the respondents ranked preserving culture, language and identity as a distinct Mohawk community as the most important purpose for having a residency law.
- Approximately sixty-two percent (61.8%) of all respondents agreed or strongly agreed that Natives from other Bands, Tribes or Nations should be permitted to live on the SRMT territory. Approximately twenty percent (20%) of all respondents agreed or strongly agreed that non-Natives should be permitted to live on the SRMT territory.
- Respondents were asked if Natives from other Bands, Tribes or Nations should be permitted to rent on the SRMT territory. The largest percentage of respondents (62.9%) reported that other Natives should be permitted to rent, but only if they are married to an Akwesasne Mohawk. The largest percentage of respondents (51.3%) reported that under no circumstances should non-Natives be permitted to rent on the territory; with around forty-five percent (45.6%) indicating non-Natives should be allowed to rent on the SRMT territory only if they are married to an Akwesasne Mohawk.
- Approximately sixty-five percent (64.5%) of respondents indicated that the SRMT territory should have residency permits. The largest percentage of respondents (38.8%) reported that a residency permit should be granted for one to three years. Fifty dollars (\$50) was most frequently selected as a reasonable charge for a residency permit. The largest percentage of respondents (36.4%) reported that someone denied a residency permit should have one month to leave the territory, with sixty-one percent (61.5%) of respondents indicating that someone denied a residency permit should be given a right to appeal.
- Respondents noted that people who are NOT Akwesasne Mohawk, but who currently reside on the SRMT Territory, should be allowed to continue their residency under certain circumstances. The most highly rated circumstance was that non-Akwesasne Mohawk should be allowed to continue their residency if their significant other is an Akwesasne Mohawk and have children in common. The respondents were also asked what a “grandfather clause” should include or what it should mean. The largest percentage of respondents (34.6%) reported that it should mean that the person must get an initial residency permit and it will be valid until they pass away.
- The largest percentage of respondents (50.2%) reported that a Residency Board should oversee issues about residency. The largest percentage of respondents reported that the residence board should be elected positions, that there should be public notice of those applying for residency, and that the general tribal community should be permitted to submit comments on residency applications.

To view the full survey report and presentations, please access the “Tribal Members” portal located on the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s website at www.srmt-nsn.gov or contact the Communications Department at (518) 358-2272. ◇

Employee Spotlight:

Mary Herne, Family Nurse Practitioner

By *Brendan White, Director of Communications*

At the Monthly Tribal Meeting held on Saturday, October 13, 2018; Health Services Medical Director Dr. Benson Kelly, M.D. formally introduced tribal members to the newest member of the medical team — Mary Herne. The introduction of Herne as Health Service's newest Family Nurse Practitioner was a proud moment for Dr. Kelly, as it was an opportunity to share his continuing desire to see more young community members return from schooling and apply their skills for the benefit of the community.

Mary is the daughter of Alice and Maday Herne and excelled academically and athletically as a student at Salmon River Central School. She always had a yearning to work in the health field and, upon graduation, enrolled at SUNY Potsdam before pursuing a nursing degree at SUNY Canton (Associate of Applied Science in Nursing) and at the University of Rochester (Bachelor of Science in Nursing).

As she advanced education in pursuit of more nursing degrees, Herne served as a Registered Nurse for more than six-and-a-half years at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY; where she worked as an Operating Room Nurse. She communicated and worked closely with all aspects of patient care; including pre-op, surgeons, anesthesiologist, and post-op teams, as she gained valuable experience needed to become a Family Nurse Practitioner. That day took place in 2018, when Herne graduated from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY with a Master of Science Degree for Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner.

Along the way; Herne accumulated numerous certificates, awards and credentials; including being named recipient of the Strong Star given to exemplary employees at the Strong Memorial Hospital and a \$3,000 Future Mohawk Leaders Scholarship from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Education Division — thanks to an anonymous donor. She has nursing licenses for Nurse Practitioner in Family Health and is a New York State Registered Nurse; as well as holds membership in the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, American Nurses Association (National and New York State). She has certifications as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse of Operation, and Basic Life Support.



Mary Herne recently joined Health Services as their new Family Nurse Practitioner.

In an interview held in 2017, Dr. Kelly shared that, "When I go to meetings attended by Native professionals, the discussion seems to always focus on how you can return and help your own community. Having returned to be a part of Health Services, it has contributed toward the trust and appreciation that people have from the services they receive." He hopes that more young people will consider the medical field, including other areas of health services, for a career path.

On behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, welcome back Mary. We know you will do your very best to provide patient care and will help strengthen the trust and appreciation we have for Health Services. ♦

FAQs About Indoor Air Quality

By Taylor Smoke, Air Quality Program Technician, Environment Division

Most problems can be solved with knowledge so I thought that by providing a frequently asked indoor air quality questions section in this month's edition of Kawennì:ios could be helpful as the temperature drops and people are tightening up their homes for the winter months.

What is "indoor air quality"?

Indoor air quality describes the air inside an enclosed structure and how it affects your breathing. Have you ever gone into a building and started coughing immediately? That's an example of poor indoor air quality. This can be caused by a number of things such as a high particulate count (dust, perfumes or aerosols), temperature, humidity, poor ventilation and water damage.

What is considered good IAQ?

Good indoor air quality comes from a comfortable temperature and humidity, a good supply of fresh outdoor air (this can be harmful for those with allergies to different pollens during certain times of the year) and controlling of pollutants from inside and outside the building. Pollutants inside the building can be from inadequate burning of fuels inside the home which can lead to increased CO and CO₂ levels. This can come from gas powered stoves, furnaces, fireplaces, clogged chimneys and aerosols such as burning of candles and the "smell good" sprays.

Is there a test that can find an IAQ problem?

There isn't a single test to find out if you have an indoor air quality problem. The SRMT Air Quality staff can conduct a home inspection with specialized sensors. We measure temperature,

humidity, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and a particulate counter. With the information that the complainant provides and the readings we get from our monitors, we can then start developing a plan of recommendations of how to correct the issues. In some circumstances, specific testing for radon may be necessary if you have the symptoms of radon exposure that can include a persistent cough that does not improve, coughing up blood, difficulty breathing and recurring respiratory infections. The Air Quality Program received funding to offer free radon testing over the next two to three years.

What can I be doing to help my homes IAQ?

Many things can be done by you to keep your IAQ healthy. First, keep up on the house cleaning such as sweeping and dusting with a damp cloth and vacuuming rugs. Second, don't allow water to stand long in the house. This can include dishes in the sink, water from a leaky faucet, a "sweaty" toilet bowl and even shower

steam. Standing water can lead to mold and bacteria growth and both can be harmful to your lungs. Finally, avoid hoarding. The dust build up from hoarding can be a major issue. The piles of stuff can lead to dust buildup and cause lung irritation. We have an excellent article published in July/August 2016 Kawennì:ios newsletter about hoarding that I highly recommend you read. These three suggestions are a good place to start.

So, if you would like your home or place of work inspected for any IAQ issues, please don't hesitate to call the SRMT Air Quality Program at (518) 358-5937 and we can arrange a home visit or provide information on remedies. ♦



Historical Markers Project Launched

Seeks Community Input on Historical and Cultural Sites

Press Release

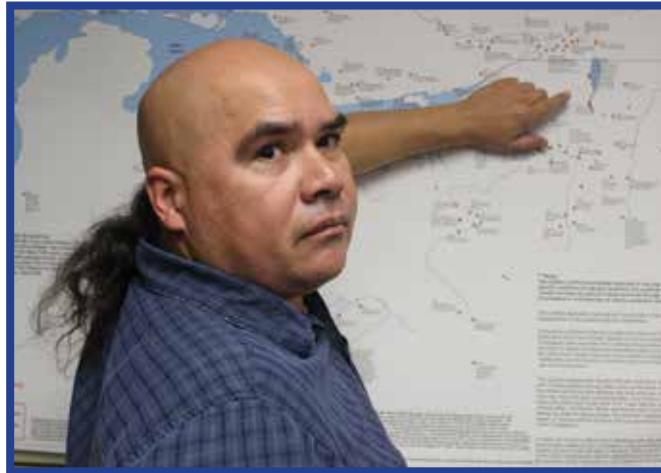
Historians, archaeologists and other academic scholars have long known of the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk People) residing in their traditional homelands for thousands of years. In fact, there is a strong Mohawk history in the New York State's eastern portion prior to European colonization; with many lakes, towns, valleys and other locations noting a Mohawk presence. Now; thanks to \$6,000 in financial support from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal General Fund; travelers will soon be able to enjoy visiting, reading and learning about this Native American history through a new historical marker project.

"While traveling throughout New York, you will notice ubiquitous blue and white signs that mark a location of historical importance to the State; such as the site of battlegrounds and birthplaces, or to commemorate the site of an important meeting or event," shared Tribal Chief Eric Thompson. Chief Thompson noted however, "What is glaringly obvious is the lack of similar markers that also share information on the Native peoples that continue to occupy this region of the State and our collective history as Mohawk Peoples."

In response, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office is helping coordinate research for the development of a historical signage project that aims to place markers throughout Mohawk traditional homelands — in areas that are significant to the history and heritage of the Kanien'kehá:ka. The goal of historical marker project is two-fold; one, to educate the general public and tourists on Mohawk history throughout New York State; and two, to raise the consciousness of people when

viewing these historic sites firsthand and understanding why they are important to the Mohawk People.

"This is a much-needed project that will help share information on sites that have historical and cultural importance to our people," said Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Arnold Printup. Printup added, "It will start with the placement of two historical markers; but will be part of a larger effort by Akwesasne Mohawks to preserve, document and record other locations that have significance to us as Mohawk People — both within Akwesasne and throughout our traditional territory located in New York State."



Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Arnold Printup is seeking the assistance of Mohawk historians to document and record locations of historical and cultural significance to the Mohawk People throughout New York State.

The first two locations that have been identified to receive historical markers are Cohoes Falls (Cohoes, NY) and Fort Presentation (Ogdensburg, NY). Both locations have cultural and historical significance for the Mohawk People, with one serving as the location where the Peacemaker first met the Mohawks and the other being the former location of an Iroquois community known as Oswegatchie. More information on the placement of a historical marker at each location will be shared when dates are finalized.

The Historical Marker Project is likely to continue, so anyone interested in submitting suggestions and information on possible locations can do so by contacting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Arnold Printup during normal business hours, Monday through Friday at (518) 358-2272 extension 2163. ♦

Brownfields - Community Wide Petroleum Assessment

By Julia Jacobs, Brownfields Redevelopment Specialist

In the fall of 2017, the SRMT Brownfields Program applied for and was awarded a Community-Wide Petroleum Assessment grant worth \$200,000 for three years. The goal of the petroleum grant is to assess local properties where expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence of a petroleum substance such as gasoline, heating oil, or propane. The Brownfields Program staff searched for vacant, abandoned and underutilized commercial and industrial sites in Akwesasne to participate in the grant and receive a Phase 1 environmental assessment at no cost. Commercial properties were encouraged to participate due to the possibility of redevelopment that will improve the local economy and promote tourism in Akwesasne. Priority was given to properties that had above ground storage tanks (AST) or underground storage tanks (UST) on site because if the property is not in use, the tanks may leak, posing a threat to environmental and human health. Three properties were chosen to be assessed by an environmental company, JMT, using American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Phase 1 standards. If you would like more information about these properties, contact the SRMT Environment Division at (518) 358-5937.

Phase 1 Environment Assessments

Phase 1 Assessments include visual inspection for oil, hazardous materials, treatment, storage, and disposal of above ground storage



A closed gas station is ideal for a Phase 1 Assessment

tanks or underground storage tanks (AST/UST). A Phase 1 also includes current and historical uses of adjoining properties and high risk properties. Information about the site utilizing historical documents and interviews with past and present owners will be collected. The Phase 1 will investigate topography, surface and groundwater feature maps, surficial and bedrock geology, surface soils, current owners, current usage, past land uses, developed and undeveloped portions, pits, ponds, lagoons on the property, flood plains, wet lands, streams, former buildings, waste water, septic systems, wells, and ground water monitoring wells. All of this information will be documented in the final Phase 1 report and provided to the property owners for their records.

The most important aspect of the Phase 1 report will be the presence of any Recognized Environmental Concerns (REC). If there are REC's found on the property, then a Phase 2 will be recommended, which is a more in-depth investigation that includes testing of soil, water, visual inspections, photos, and requests through the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) to EPA, NYSDEC, NYS Department of Health, Franklin County Records and All Appropriate Inquiries (AAI).

For any questions contact Julia Jacobs, Brownfields Redevelopment Specialist at the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division by calling, (518) 358-5937. ♦

Community Engagement:

Tribal Member's Portal Enhances Information Sharing

By Mahlon Smoke, Guest Writer

The Communications Department is pleased to provide a new feature on the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's website. Enrolled tribal members can log on to a special member's only portal to access important information and documents. This action item was put in motion in May earlier this year; the purpose of which is to allow access to documents and information specifically for tribal members. Items on the site include tribal card renewal and application forms, monthly meeting agenda and notes, special meeting handouts and presentations, and land and deed forms. At this time over 15,000 members of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe have an account on the online portal.

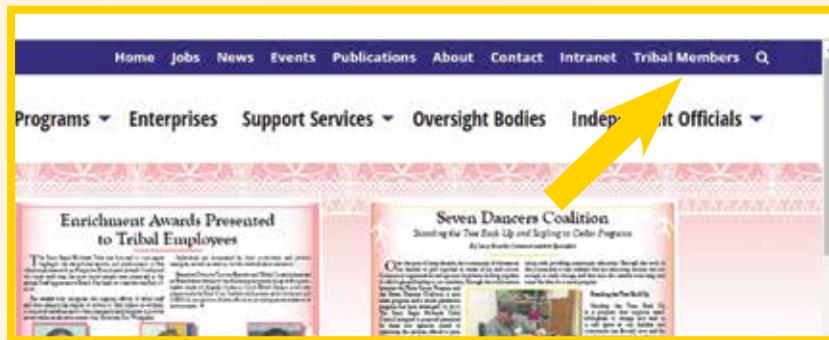
To access the members only login page, enrolled Tribal members should have their ID card and go to www.srmt-nsn.gov and click on the 'Tribal Members' link on the upper right hand corner of the main page.

Logging In

The database is already generated with your full name as presented on your tribal card with no spaces and no punctuation. For example, if your first name

is 'Mohawk', your middle name is 'Tribal' and your last name is 'Member', You would enter: 'MohawkTribalMember'. Your password is your six-digit enrollment number preceded by 'srmt'. Example: srmt123456.

In the upcoming year, the Tribe will consider adding either audio and/or video from the monthly and special meetings. This will help tribal members who don't live close enough or are unable to attend the meetings stay better informed and updated on current issues affecting them.



Click on the 'Tribal Members' link to access the login page.



For now, enrolled tribal members can log on to the website and get enrollment forms for land and tribal ID's. Keep in mind that this information is intended solely for the use of membership; so we ask that you respect its sensitivity by not disclosing, copying or disseminating without prior permission.

If you have any difficulty logging in or have suggestions on other items you would like to see on the site, please contact Communications by calling (518) 358-2272 or emailing communications@srmt-nsn.gov. ♦

Akwesasne Elder Abuse Committee Multidisciplinary Team

By Alyson Thompson, Communications Officer

Most will agree that elders are essential as guardians of our tribal history, culture, and traditions. As parents and teachers, it would be assumed that everyone would treat elders with respect and dignity. Recently, a group of caring individuals has come together to address a very real problem we have here in Akwesasne. It is often an overlooked issue but elder abuse, also known as elder mistreatment, is not absent in our unique community. The Office for the Aging conducted an Elder Maltreatment Survey from *Kenténha* October to *Tsiothóhrha*/December of 2017. Results stated there was a high prevalence of elder abuse within the entire territory of Akwesasne.

For those who may not know, elder abuse is the infliction of physical, financial, emotional, sexual, psychological, neglect, and/or spiritual harm on an older (55 years +), possibly vulnerable adult at the hands of a family member, a non-family member in a trusting relationship or a caregiver in an institution. This also includes self-neglect. In most cases, elders won't report abuse due to fear/love of the abuser, lack of resources, distrust of government, historical trauma, or fear of appearing vulnerable.

The Akwesasne Elder Abuse Committee (AEAC) is a multidisciplinary team (MDT) comprised of professionals representing agencies from the entire territory of Akwesasne. These organizations collaborate to prevent fragmented or duplicated services elder abuse victims receive. On the team, members

include an MDT coordinator, Tribal Police, Adult Protective Services, Office for the Aging (Tsi Tetewatkins), Outreach, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services, MCA Home Care Home Support, and Mohawk Ambulance Unit/Firefighter. They hope to expand into an EMDT (Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team) by adding on a Forensic Accountant, Geriatric Physician and a Lawyer.

The team takes a victim-focused approach that centers around the individual being harmed and offers assistance from various institutions including law enforcement, senior services and healthcare, just to name a few. Representatives from the team participate in regular meetings and provide information about AEAC to their agency staff for increased awareness. They also provide expert input, contribute to the review of cases and provide appropriate follow-up for the elderly client. As a unit, members often provide support and validation to other AEAC members.

As the AEAC has already successfully created their elder abuse case review team and developed a standardized definition of elder abuse for the territory of Akwesasne, they continue to educate and bring awareness to help remove the barriers of reporting elder abuse. Current objectives of elder abuse case reviews are to develop a centralized reporting and referral system as well as a Tribal Elder Protection Code.



OFA Member Donnie White helped out adding Elder Abuse Awareness stickers to all Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service vehicles.



Members of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department, Office for the Aging and other community agencies have partnered to raise awareness and prevent elder abuse.

In an attempt to create awareness about Elder Abuse, Helen Gray, Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator at the SRMT Office for the Aging, distributed 250 t-shirts proclaiming “This Person has Zero Tolerance for Elder Abuse” to community members at the Senior Picnic. The Committee has also teamed up with Tribal Police Department and Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services for a bumper sticker campaign. These stickers are visible on all police vehicles promoting “Zero Tolerance for Elder Abuse, See Something, Say Something.” The police also assisted in community education efforts at the Elders Abuse Awareness Presentation on

Monday, *Seskhekwá:wa*/September 17, 2018 hosted by the Office for the Aging. Speakers from the three organizations presented to a packed house on how to recognize warning signs, risk factors, ageist attitudes and behaviors, and local services and programs that can help. We love our elders and want them to remain safe, healthy and happy.

If you have been the victim of Elder Abuse or have witnessed it, please call the Office for the Aging at (518) 358-2963 or the SRMT Police Department at (518) 358-9200. ♦



Gordon Delormier, Brenda Hathaway, Home Delivered Meals Driver/Transportation and Helen Gray, Elder Abuse Prevention/Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator model the t-shirts at the Senior Picnic in September.



Kentenhkó:wa/November is American Diabetes Month

The Let's Get Healthy Program - *Tsitewatakari:tat* invites you to our diabetes month celebrations on Monday, *Kentenhkó:wal* November 5th and Tuesday, *Kentenhkó:wal* November 27th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Tour the Diabetes Center for Excellence facility. Watch and learn how much fun you can have in our fitness classes. Speak with our friendly staff about our services. We will have blood pressure and glucose screenings, cooking demonstrations and taste tests.

Our Nurses, Registered Dietitian and Health Promotion Specialists will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Start your health journey with us today! For a detailed description of the activities, please see our Let's Get Healthy *Kentenhkó:wa/November* Newsletter available on the Tribe's website at www.srmt-nsn.gov, or call (518) 358-9667. ♦

Be Water Wise When You Winterize

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Water Department is preparing for winter and so should you. Here are a few tips to help homeowners get ready:

1. Mark your water shut off if it isn't already marked. Place a piece of wood or long marker next to the shut off so it doesn't get hit by all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and especially snow plows. If hit, it could break off causing a water leak. Water Department personnel need to be able to find the shut off quickly in case of an emergency.
2. Wrap your water line in heat tape if you do not have a basement and you have the possibility of the line freezing.
3. If there is a hydrant in your yard or driveway please keep it clear of snow, do not push snow up and around the fire hydrant for safety reasons.

Damages and repairs to the waterline on your property could be your responsibility. These few, simple tips will help the Water Department keep the water flowing during the cold winter months.



*In an emergency,
digging out a
buried hydrant
wastes valuable
time.*



*Easy to find, easy
to reach means
faster response.*

Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club Reading and Feeding Summer Program

By Mablon Smoke, Guest Writer

During the Summer of 2018, the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club (ABGC) developed the Feeding and Reading Program in collaboration with the Let's Get Healthy Program, the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center, the Office for the Aging (Senior Center), along with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. The primary goal of the program was to provide lunches to local youth at Generations Park throughout the summer months.

The summer lunch program spanned six weeks -- from July 9 to August 17 -- and provided healthy meals to youth under the age of 18-years old. The lunch program was complemented by daily activities that included Yoga in the Park, playtime in the park itself, and story time every day.

According to ABGC employee Myra LaFrance, when the program initially started in 2016, it was in response to the fact that some youth often went without food for extended periods of time during the summer. So, by partnering with other like-minded programs within the community, as well by reaching out to the USDA Feeding Program, the ABGC sought support for development of a summer lunch program. Since that time, the Reading and Feeding Program has been a huge hit.



Kids loved the fun and nutritious meals



Story time in the pavillion.

This past summer, the lunch program succeeded in serving 519 meals -- an average of 17 youth each day. Along with the record number of summer lunches served, the Feeding and Reading Program was named a new provider by the New York State Department of Education's Summer Feeding Program.

The lunch program hopes to obtain more funding for next summer to have more activities, as well as healthier foods for the children to enjoy including some locally grown. This summer, the program was fortunate to receive food donations from community members, with some catered by Three Feather's Café.

LaFrance expressed excitement about next summer's plans, especially when it came to discussing plans for more fresh fruits and vegetables, noting, "we want to be conscious about what we serve to the children and teach the kids about what they eat." She hopes to expand the program and keep providing children with the healthy foods they need, especially thorough a long and hot summer. ♦

2018 ANNUAL MEDICARE ENROLLMENT EVENT

Date: November 15, 2018

3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Are you Medicare eligible?

Do you have Medicare Parts A and B?

Do you need prescription drug coverage or would like to see other plans?

If yes, this educational event is for you!

We can take a look at all your health plan choices for 2018-2019.

As your health needs change, so do Medicare plan costs and coverage. Use this free event to compare all your Part D offerings and see what's best for you.

The 2018 Medicare Annual Enrollment period ends December 7, 2018

For a private consultation, call (518) 358-2963 and ask for Tracy Holcomb to set up an appointment. Our Information Coordinator, Alison Cooke, will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The Medicare Enrollment event will be held at the *Tsi Tetewatakens* Senior Center located at 29 Business Park Road (29 Margaret Terrance Memorial Way) behind the Tribal Police Station. ♦



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: November 19, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

The Advisory Committee and staff of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging invite you to attend our public hearing session. The purpose of the public hearing is to get input from seniors, caregivers, and community members about our service plans for 2019.

The Advisory Committee is a group of concerned senior citizens, service providers and others who meet to review the programs and services of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging. The public hearing is held to learn from local elders what current needs exist within the community and what issues are important to them.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing in person, we still want to hear from you. You can provide comments by:

- Mailing your written comments to -
Lora Lee Lafrance, Director
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging
412 State Route 37, Akwesasne, NY 13655
- Calling the center at (518) 358-2963 to have a staff person assist you
- Emailing the Director at loraleelafrance@srmt-nsn.gov
- Contacting an Advisory Committee Member
 - » Agnes Jacobs, Tribal Council (518) 358-2272
 - » Michael Cook, Health Services (518) 358-3141
 - » Valerie Cree, Akwesasne Housing Authority (518) 358-9020
 - » Mary Jo Terrance, Mohawk Indian Housing (518) 358-7860

The public hearing will be held at the *Tsi Tetewatakens* Senior Center located at 29 Business Park Road (29 Margaret Terrance Memorial Way) behind the Tribal Police Station. ♦

2D Barcode Pilot Program Extended

Tribe Seeks Similar Technology for Membership Cards

Press Release

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council notified community members that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has extended the 2D Barcode Pilot Program at the Massena Port of Entry. The barcode reader will continue to permit travelers to utilize the barcodes located on the back of standard driver's licenses for expediting border crossings, while the Tribe explores similar technology for tribal membership cards.

In July, representatives of the Massena Border Station met with the Tribal Council to discuss implementation of a 30-day 2D Barcode Pilot Program. The Massena Port of Entry was the first border crossing nationwide to utilize new technology designed to automatically capture information from 2D barcodes to eliminate the need for border officers to manually type information and reduce time processing border crossings.

During the discussion, the ability to utilize the tribal identification card was considered however, the card currently lacks a 2D barcode on the backside. As a result, the Office of the Tribal Clerk is currently exploring the barcode technology for possible inclusion on membership cards. More information on this new feature for tribal identification cards will be shared in the future.

The two dimensional (2d) barcode is a standardized format printed on the back of state and provincial driver's licenses, as well as other documents. It follows a formatting sequence that can store information in a format that can be quickly read by automated technology. The concept is similar to QR and UPC codes routinely encountered in our daily lives, such as at grocery stores.

The readers quickly capture information coded within the standardized barcode printed on the back of regular driver's licenses, which is also utilized by state and local law enforcement, as well as some retail vendors. The information that is automatically retrieved is the same information listed on the front of a driver's license, with CBP noting they are only utilizing information needed to perform their primary inspections.



Tribal Clerk Summer Bero is helping lead efforts to incorporate similar technology on tribal identification cards for the continued recognition of inherent border crossing rights.

The Massena Port of Entry reports the 30-day pilot period earlier this summer saw a 3,000 percent increase in the usage of state or provincial driver's licenses as identification. In July 2018; 5,530 driver's licenses were presented compared to 177 driver's licenses in July 2017. This increase in readable documents significantly cut down primary processing time, particularly for Akwesasne Mohawks who comprise the majority of border travelers. Given its success, the 2D Barcode Pilot Program has been extended for an indefinite time.

At this time, border travelers at the Massena Port of Entry who do not possess a driver's license, including children, or have another government-issued identification card will continue to be processed manually. As well, tribal identification cards, Indian status cards, red cards and passports will continue to be accepted.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is continuing to provide this information as an option, as it continues to explore additional means of facilitating border crossings in accordance with our inherent rights, as recognized by treaty and statutes. ♦

Tribal Council Resolutions (TCRs)

Submitted by Tribal Clerk's Office

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, Ohiari:ha/June 1, 2013.)

TCR 2018-41: Authorize Indian Health Service to Enter into PL 93-638 Title V Construction Agreement to Administer Sanitation Facilities, Project Number: NS-18-RM7

TCR 2018-42: Reappointment of Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Election Board Member

TCR 2018-43: Resolution of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to Reappoint Commissioners to the Akwesasne Housing Authority Commission

TCR 2018-44: Amend the Non-member Exclusion Policy

TCR 2018-45: Approve the Akwesasne Housing Authority 2019 Indian Housing Plan

TCR 2018-46: Appoint Chairperson to the Akwesasne Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

TCR 2018-47: To Appoint Election Board members

TCR 2018-48: To Apply to the Secretary of the Interior to Place Land Into Trust Status Pursuant to U.S.C. § 465 and to Proclaim Such Land Reservation Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 467

TCR 2018-49: Amend the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Police Commission Act of 2014

TCR 2018-50: Adopt Code of Conduct for Tribal Boards, Commission and Committees ◊

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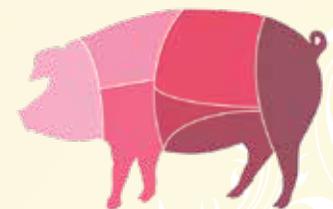
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Mother Earth Pig Project

Accepting Orders for 2019

The SRMT Agriculture Program is pleased to report the distribution of 16 one-half pigs for November has sold out. They are accepting reservations for the January, February and March orders. The half-pigs are \$95 payable to the Tribe and an estimated \$75 cutting and packaging fee to Tri-Town/Adirondack Smoked Meats.

Community members who wish to reserve for the 2019 distributions, are asked to call the Agriculture Program at Environment: (518) 358-5937.



Tribal Council's New York State Lobbying Report

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's lobbying firm Bolton-St. Johns (BSJ) has helped lobby New York State on several issues important to the Tribe; including land claim settlement, Hogansburg Triangle policing jurisdiction legislation, and New NY Broadband Program funding proposal for Mohawk Networks, LLC.

Bolton-St. John's partner and chief Albany lobbyist Giorgio DeRosa and his team focused their efforts on the State's Executive Chamber, Legislature, Gaming Commission, and various state agencies on the following issues during the 2018 legislative session:

- Organized land claim settlement negotiations between the New York State Gaming Commission, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and local villages and towns;
- Assisted Mohawk Networks, LLC. in being awarded \$5,107,790 in grant funding from Governor Cuomo's New NY Broadband Program Round III and a private federal commitment of \$5,798,137 — for a total of \$10,905,927. These awards will provide 1,286 homes and businesses with access to high-speed broadband for the first time, and leverage \$5.1 million in private matching funds — bringing the total public-private investment in the North Country to \$10 million in Round III;
- Succeeded in signing into law legislation introduced by State Assemblyman Billy Jones and State Senator Elizabeth Little to expand permanent jurisdiction of the Saint Regis Mohawk

Tribal Police Department to a specific area of Franklin County commonly referred to as the Hogansburg Triangle — outside of the state-recognized boundaries of the Saint Regis Mohawk Indian Reservation;

- Succeeded in signing into law legislation introduced by State Assemblyman Billy Jones and State Senator Elizabeth Little allowing participation of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department in the Accreditation Council (AC) program —



The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and representatives of Mohawk Networks, LLC attended an event at Clinton Community College on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 where New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the Tribe's broadband company as a recipient of \$10.9 million through Round III of the New NY Broadband Program.

providing a voluntary opportunity to demonstrate that the tribal law enforcement agency meets model standards developed by AC for operating policies, equipment and facilities. The program will assist the Tribal Police in reviewing the effectiveness of their law enforcement services, thereby increasing public confidence;

- Actively working with the NYS Department of Transportation to waive car registration fees for Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Members;
- Continuing to work with the local snow mobile associations and the NYS Department of Parks and Recreation for expansion of snow mobile trails, as well as recognition of a tribal snowmobile club by the Department of Motor Vehicles for registration; and
- Requesting from the New York Department of State to amend the executive law, in relation to including the St. Regis River in the definition of “inland waterways” for the purposes of waterfront revitalization. ♦



Tribal Monthly Meetings

Seskehkó:wa/September 8, 2018
Chairperson: Tribal Chief Beverly Cook

Kenténha/October 13, 2018
Chairperson: Tribal Chief Eric Thompson

Agenda

1. Review of previous action items:
 - 1) Request for Tribe to research Franklin County tax on vehicle registration renewal. **Completed.** *The Tribe recommends tribal members who are renewing or getting new vehicle registrations at the NYS DMV to complete NYS Department of Finance 803 exempt form in St. Lawrence and Franklin counties for the Use Tax. If the counties deny exemption, please contact the Legal Department.*
 - 2) Request to incorporate visual aid to monthly tribal meetings, to address request from community members who may not be able to attend because they live out of town or ill. **Work in Progress.** *Communications worked with Garratt Consulting on development of tribal members-only portal to include tribal meeting information and recordings. Communications is currently exploring security measures.*
2. 10:00am | Presentation by Alcohol/Chemical Dependency Program
3. 10:20am | Fall Heating Assistance Update by Compliance
4. 10:30am | Capital Projects Update: Clinic and Administration Building Progress
5. 10:50am | Road Projects Update by Planning & Infrastructure
6. 11:10am | New Business

Jobs

Positions with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe: srmt-nsn.gov

Gaming positions at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort:
mohawkcasino.com

Akwesasne and surrounding area opportunities at the Akwesasne Employment Resource Center (AERC): myaerc.org

Agenda

1. Review of previous action items:
 - 1) Request to incorporate visual aid to monthly tribal meetings, to address request from community members who may not be able to attend because they live out of town or ill. **Work in Progress**
 - 2) Community member requested Council to answer if any weight restrictions will be placed on our roads.
 - 3) Request for Tribe to provide update to the community on the use of the 2D barcode scanners at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Massena Port-of-Entry. **Completed.** *Information published via October 12th. Press Release and included in meeting package.*
 - 4) Request to look into electronic absentee voting. **Work in Progress.** *The Election Board and Tribal Clerk met and are conducting research. An update will be provided at the November Tribal Meeting.*
 - 5) Tribal Council to respond to September Tribal Meeting Motion from the Floor.
2. 10:10 am | Introduction of Mary Herne, Family Nurse Practitioner, by Dr. Benson Kelly
3. 10:15 am | Environment Division Presentation on Petroleum Grant by Julie Jacobs
4. 10:35 am | Office for the Aging Elder Services Presentation by Lorelee Lafrance
5. 10:55 am | Home Improvement Program Presentation by Starr Thomas and Wilfred Bay
6. 11:15am | Residency Survey Update by Dale White and Brendan White. Meetings will be held on October 17 and October 25 at 5:00 pm in Community Building Lobby.
7. 11:35 am | Agriculture Program Presentation by Wally Ransom
8. 12:00 pm | New Business ◊

Calendar

Kentenhkó:wa/November

- 10 - Tribal Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Lobby
- 12 - Veteran's Day - Tribal offices closed
- 13 - Social Security - 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. - Tribal Clerk's Office
- 14 - Police Commission - 3:00 p.m. - Executive Boardroom
- 19 - Office for the Aging Public Hearing - 10:00 a.m. - OFA
- 22 - Thanksgiving - Tribal offices closed
- 23 - American Indian Heritage Day - Tribal offices closed

Tsiothóhrha/December

- 8 - Tribal Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Lobby
- 11 - Social Security - 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. - Tribal Clerk's Office
- 12 - Police Commission - 3:00 p.m. - Executive Boardroom
- 25 - Christmas - Tribal Offices closed
- Wednesdays - Tribal Council Work Session - 9:00 a.m. - Executive Boardroom, Community Building

New Faces

Christopher J Adams

Mary F Arquette

Tanya M Barilko

Isaiah Benedict

Colby R Bowman

Tracey L Buckshot-Ducaiume

Kathryn Chilton

Richard Jason Cook

Corin M Delormier

Farah M Delormier

Leah M Delormier

Wahiahawi C Fitch

Dayna J Green

Mary Herne

Cailey A King

Alex F LaFrance

Lily M Lazore

Roberta J Lazore

Donna M Mitchell

Lori A Phillips

Katelyn Ashley Rea

Kawisiiostha Sharrow

Justin E Terrance

Nancy R Vosbrink

Brayden White

Equipment Operator

Family Visitation Monitor

Administrative Assistant

Night Security Guard

Environment Specialist

Medical Receptionist

Registered Nurse

Custodian

Substitute

Administrative Assistant

Caseworker

Grants and Contracts Manager

Teacher Assistant

Family Nurse Practitioner

Receptionist

Program Accountant

Cook

Office Manager

Accounts Receivable Clerk

Inspector

Business Office Clerk

Receptionist

Forestry Laborer

Caregiver Coordinator

Clubhouse Worker

Environment - Agriculture Program

CFS - Intensive Preventive Program

CFS - Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation

CFS - Three Sisters

Environment

Health Services - Medical Clinic

Health Services - Medical Clinic

Maintenance - Facilities

Education - Early Childhood Development Program

Grants and Contracts

Social Services - Adult/Child Protective Services

Grants and Contracts

Education - Early Childhood Development Program

Health Services - Medical Clinic

Akwesasne Employment Resource Center

Finance - Accounting

Social Services - Akwesasne Group Home

CFS - Three Sisters

Finance - Accounting

Tribal Gaming

Health Services - Business Office

Health Services-Medical Clinic

Environment

Office for the Aging

Health Services - A/CDP Clubhouse

Donations

Community Activities - \$ 6,250

Funerals - \$ 9,000

Fundraising - \$ 1,000

Sports - \$ 1,850



SGDM

Stopping Gestational Diabetes
in Daughters + Mothers

If you answered “Yes” to both of these questions, then we need your help! A team of researchers at the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Let’s Get Healthy Program is interested in helping American Indian and Alaska Native girls (age 12-24) learn more about eating healthy and making exercise easier that could lead to healthy weight (weight loss) and lowering the chances of getting gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy). Your mother will also be asked to help you during the study.

You have the power to stop diabetes in your family!

*Are you an American Indian or Alaska Native female
between the ages of 12 and 24?*

Do you have a mother, auntie or grandmother?

If you decide to participate, you will:

- Answer a variety of questions on a computer
- Watch a video about healthy lifestyles & stopping diabetes
- Read a booklet about healthy lifestyles & stopping diabetes
- Receive resources from your community
- Be compensated for your time with gift cards
- Develop a health team with the clinic nurse and your mom

To learn more or to participate in our study, please call the SRMT Let’s Get Healthy Program at (518) 358-9667 and leave a message with your name and phone number. A study team member will call you back to further discuss the study.



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On the Cover: A new multidisciplinary team, known as the Akwesasne Elders Abuse Committee (AEAC), was formed to help educate, raise awareness, and remove barriers associated with reporting and preventing the mistreatment of elders. It is comprised of community agencies who recently launched a bumper sticker campaign for promoting “Zero Tolerance for Elder Abuse” and includes the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department, Office for the Aging (Tsi Tetewatatkens), Adult Protective Services, Outreach, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services, MCA Home Care Home Support, and a representative from the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Unit and Hogansburg–Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department.