

COMMUNITY AWARENESS WEEK IS COMING

Community Awareness Week in Six Nations is a very exciting time of the year.

With the participation of many organizations, this year's events are scheduled from May 13 through 26. The events will showcase the many services the community of Six Nations has to offer.

“Our community has a rich history, with many successful businesses, helpful organizations and talented members. The events during Community Awareness Week provide an opportunity for the departments of Six Nations Elected Council, local businesses, schools and other organizations to showcase their many skills and to share their services with the community. It is a step towards making our community a healthy and safe place to live,” said Chief Hill. “I would also like to acknowledge the Community Awareness Week Committee, and all of the departments, local businesses, schools, and organizations who took the time to plan these great events. Thanks to all of their hard work and dedication we look forward to another successful year.”

In addition to the many events, ranging from open houses to scavenger hunts and more, the annual celebration of Bread and Cheese also takes place during Community Awareness Week – a symbolic celebration that commemorates the allied relationship between Six Nations and the Crown.

At the end of this year's Community Awareness Week, on May 26 at Central Administration (1695



Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken) a final draw will take place for five grand prizes and the event's 50/50.

Congratulations to all of last year's lucky winners:

- BBQ Package: Seneca Henhawk
- Sports Package: Mauvereen Bomberry
- Bike Package: Valene Green
- Entertainment Package: Donna Powless
- Outdoor Package: Oriette Elliott
- 50/50: Sadie Buck

2017 Community Awareness Week Event Booklets will be arriving in mailboxes shortly, and are also available online at www.sixnations.ca or by visiting Central Administration Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's events!

Burtch Land Being Held In-Trust for Six Nations

As of the end of March 2017, the Province of Ontario has transferred the title of approximately 381 acres known as the "Burtch Land" to a federal corporation directed by Six Nations Elected Council.

The corporation will hold the land, that formerly housed the Burtch Correctional Institute, for the people of Six Nations. All acreage will remain in-trust until it can officially be added to Six Nations of the Grand River Territory in accordance with the

Federal Government's Additions to Reserve Policy.

All costs associated with the transfer of the land have been incurred by the Province of Ontario. The Province has also agreed to incur all taxes on the property until it has been deemed "reserve land," at which time the land will become tax exempt.

For the immediate future, the land will be used for agricultural purposes.

Telephone and Door-to-Door Scams

A word of caution and warning goes out to all community members, especially our Elders, about telephone and door-to-door scams. Be wary. Ask questions.

If you get a suspicious telephone call ask for their name, phone number and any additional information. You are NOT required to give them any info and can advise them you will be reporting them to the Six Nations Police and Six Nations Elected Council.

Door-to-door solicitors can be asked to display a letter granting permission to solicit from the Elected Council. If they cannot produce one you may call the Six Nations Police to have them escorted off of the Territory.

Please share with family and friends!

Hydro One Rates

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan was announced in March 2017, with implementation expected by the summer of 2017. The new plan includes:

- First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit
- An average of 25% reduction of the overall bill
- Enhanced relief through the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection
- Access to the New Affordability Fund
- Enhancement of the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

To read more visit:

www.sixnations.ca/OntariosFairHydroPlanCommunique.pdf

(Source: Chiefs of Ontario Communique to First Nations Leadership.)

Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Volunteerism

The Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Volunteerism recognizes individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to their community through volunteerism during their lifetime. The award is presented annually to a maximum number of four individuals. This year's celebration took place during National Volunteer Week on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Community Centre. As a part of the award, a legacy fund will be established in

the name of each recipient and will be administered by the Brant Community Foundation.

Congratulations to Six Nations own Geronimo Henry! Geronimo is dedicated to helping others comprehend the devastating effects of residential schools that continue to have significant impacts on First Nations. Six Nations Elected Council was honoured to nominate Geronimo Henry for the Lifetime Achievement Award for his Outstanding Volunteerism.



GERONIMO HENRY

Congratulations!

Six Nations Development Corporation for being named Development Corporation of the Year by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business.

Michelle Farmer's Studio of Dance & Modelling Competitive Dance Teams on your Ohio Competition.



Dancers competed in the Showstopper Regional Dance Competition held at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio the weekend of March 31-April 2, 2017. They came back Champions with 13 Trophies and eligibility to compete at the National Dance Championships in Myrtle Beach South Carolina in July 2017. The Dancers listed are ages 3-50.

Mini Dance Company:

Breezie Bomberry
Kohen Schindler
Maddy Henry
Kredence Shawana

Teen Dance Company:

Shauntay Longboat
Shayde Sandy
Brooklyn Monture
Jane-Leigh Jamieson

Junior Dance Company:

Claire Bomberry
Leeah Bomberry
Alanna Forbes
Anika Griffin
Tiana Henry-Hill
Maci General
Dezlin Johnson

Adult Dance Company:

Jody Skye
Kris Johnson
Marcie Hill
Shawnee Skye

Canada Summer Games Bid 2021

Six Nations Elected Council was asked by the Niagara Region to join them in their bid for the 2021 Canada Summer Games. On March 30, 2017 an announcement was made that the Niagara Region had successfully won the bid. We have another exciting event to look forward to!

OM Smith, JC Hill and IL Thomas Elementary Students for your participation and awards at the Bay Area Science Fair (BASEF) in Hamilton:

Takia Greene

Indigenous Peoples of Canada Scientific Study Award, 2nd

Jersee Hill

Dr. Laura Blew Social Sciences Award

Primary Fluid Systems Award

Aiyana Jonathan

Indigenous Peoples of Canada Scientific Study Award, 1st

Amy Sandy

Indigenous Peoples of Canada Scientific Study Award, 1st

Shailee Sandy

Indigenous Peoples of Canada Scientific Study Award, 2nd

Keegan Skye

Indigenous Peoples of Canada Scientific Study Award, 3rd

Nikola Tesla Honourable Mention Award

The BASEF 500 Awards

Jaden Squire

Dr. Laura Blew Social Sciences Award

Primary Fluid Systems Award

Breanna Stewart

Indigenous Peoples of Canada Scientific Study Award, 3rd

Nikola Tesla Honourable Mention Award

The BASEF 500 Awards



HYDRO ISSUES?

Do you need assistance with disconnections, arrears, corrections to billing information, unexplained usage, individual payment plans, incorrect smart meter readings, tax exemption, high delivery charges, budgeting or poor interaction with telephone representatives?

Have you signed a contract with a retail energy company like Summit Energy or Just Energy?

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THESE ISSUES CONTACT:

Arleen Maracle, Community Liaison

SIX NATIONS ELECTED COUNCIL CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken

Phone: (519) 445-2201 x3230

Email: arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Community Forum for Wellness & Unity



On Thursday, April 6, 2017 Elected Council held their first community meeting to address substance use in the community of Six Nations. Following presentations by Six Nations Police, the High Risk Committee, New Directions Group, and Social Services community members broke out into small groups for further discussion. All community feedback will be compiled and provided to the Elected Council for next steps. The information will also be shared with the community.

Unable to attend the Community Forum? Visit Six Nations Elected Council on Facebook or YouTube to watch the video!

Interested in volunteering for the Community Action Group? Contact us at 519-445-2201.

Six Nations to Host Lacrosse for NAIG 2017

Six Nations of the Grand River will have the honour of hosting lacrosse for the upcoming North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) during the week of July 16-23, 2017 including:

- Boys Box Lacrosse Tournament: Under 19, 16 & 14
- Girls Box Lacrosse Tournament: Under 19



The Elected Council has established a Six Nations Steering Committee who will be overseeing Six Nations involvement in the Games, including events in the community. Potential events in the community include a cultural festival, lacrosse festival, tournaments and more!

If you're interested in volunteering or for sponsorship inquiries contact Dallas Squire, Coordinator Six Nations NAIG Working Group at 519-774-6721 or email dalsquire@gmail.com.

To learn more about the North American Indigenous Games visit www.naig2017.to. You can also follow NAIG on Facebook at naig2017.to or Twitter @naig2017to

How do I get a gas card?

In order to get a new gas card or renew an existing one, you must:

- Bring an up-to-date status card to Central Administration (1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken)
- Complete a Status Card Form (also available online at www.sixnations.ca)
- Fax in your completed form (faxing is available at Central Administration for a minimal fee)

It takes approximately 2-3 weeks for cards to be delivered. If you do not receive your new card within 6 weeks follow up with us at Central Administration.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Central Administration at 519-445-2201

Tax Exemption Letters for Services Delivered to Reserve

If you are being charged tax for services delivered on-reserve i.e. hydro, cell phones, internet, satellite or product deliveries you can have them removed. You will need to provide a copy of your status card, blue number, account number and letter from Six Nations Elected Council.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Arleen Maracle, Community Liaison

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ELECTED COUNCIL UPDATES

Blue Bins

Six Nations Public Works now has larger blue bins available for better recycling capacity. Bins are available FREE of charge with up to 4 bins per household.

A.W. First Nations Recycling has reported recycling rates within our community are on the rise, with a 40% increase over the 2015 to 2016 year. Please keep helping to protect Mother Earth, and recycle!

Bridge Rehabilitation

This summer we will begin rehabilitating Bridge No. 7 located between Third and Fourth Line. These repairs will impact the flow of traffic through this area, but are needed to ensure the continued safety of our community.

A funding request for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 15 located on Onondaga Road between Second and Third Line has been submitted.

Overall we have identified 11 bridges in need of rehabilitation in the upcoming years.

Construction Debris

Council has passed a policy to charge \$20 for each Construction Debris Approval issued for the disposal of roofing materials, shingles and other construction debris material(s) at Six Nations Landfill Site.

If you need to dispose of a load of garbage containing construction debris visit Six Nations Public Works (1953 Fourth Line, Ohsweken) Monday through Friday between 8:30am-4pm to complete a Construction Debris Approval Form and pay the disposal fee. Approvals are valid for 72 hours.

Funding

We are advocating Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for the funding needed to replace two pumper tankers that are more than 25 years old, for the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

We were also successful in securing funding for our Justice Department, to hire two Restorative Justice Workers and two By-Law Officers.

Household Hazardous Waste

The next household hazardous waste event is scheduled for June 2017. For tips on storing waste until this date or for alternative locations for proper waste disposal visit Public Works – Landfill Site at www.sixnations.ca.

Landfill Site Hours

Six Nations Landfill is now operating on summer hours from 8am-5:30pm Tuesday through Saturday. Gates will close at 5:15pm.

Ohsweken Infrastructure

The traffic lights at the main intersection in Ohsweken have been activated and are now functioning. Once Six Nations Public Works has painted the left-hand turning lane, the advanced turning signal will be activated for Chiefswood Road only. Please be aware of pedestrians crossing.

Social Services

Six Nations Social Services will be hosting discussion on child care and early years programs and services. We encourage you to participate, and share your thoughts and ideas on child care accessibility, affordability, expansion, before and after school care, urban child care spaces, and Gahwajiya:de Detenatgwa'ta Family Gatherings (formerly the Resource Drop-In Program). This project is part of the Ontario Ministry of Education's Journey Together initiative, in response to the Calls for Action in the final Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

Tires

For tire disposals please inform the Site Guard of the type of tire and source. There is no charge for tire disposal, however this information is reported monthly to the Ontario Tire Stewardship and impacts funding.

Waste Management

We have been able to secure approximately \$3M in funding from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to close the existing Landfill Site and build a transfer station in the 2017/18 fiscal year. We are currently in the process of hiring a consultant to design the transfer station plans. Further details will be provided as we move forward.



**Chief Ava Hill and
Cody Jamieson at the
NAIG 88 Days Out Celebration
at Nathan Phillips Square**




**Councillor Terry General listens
to Dr. David Suzuki's presentation
at the Assembly of First Nations
Energy Forum in Ottawa**

CHIEF AND ELECTED COUNCIL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS - APRIL

- Meeting with Minister Indira Naidoo-Harris for Early Learning on April 3
- CANWEA Awards, Niagara Region Wind Farm Nominated on April 4
- Mohawk College/Six Nations Polytech Partnership Dinner at LIUNA Station on April 5
- Presentation to the Standing Committee on the Child Care Act at Queen's Park on April 6
- Community Update with NAIG CEO and Sports Manager on April 6
- First Graduating Class, Six Nations Fire Services Training on April 6
- Community Meeting on Substance Abuse on April 6
- Attorney General Yasir Navqi visits Six Nations on April 10
- Meeting with Special Advisor to Ministers Cabinet Table on Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion on April 11
- Chiefs Committee on Hydro One Sales (aka. Sovereign Wealth Committee) in Toronto on April 18
- Luncheon with Chinese Ambassador and Mayor John Tory in Toronto on April 18
- NAIG #88 Countdown at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto on the 19
- Colonization Road at the Woodland Cultural Centre on April 19
- Iroquois Caucus in Kahnawake April 19-20
- COO Political Confederacy Meeting in Toronto April 21-22
- Grand River Prayer Breakfast in Fisherville on April 22
- Brantford-Brant Volunteer Awards Banquet on April 24
- Public Rail Safety Week on April 24
- Implementation Committee on Hydro One Rates on April 26
- UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York April 27-28




NAIG 88 Days Out Celebration Opening Remarks



SIX NATIONS PUBLIC WORKS
1953 Fourth Line, Ohsweken P: 519.445.4242 F: 519.445.4763

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE



WATER RATES


In order to continue providing the community of Six Nations with a reliable supply of potable water and to properly collect and treat communal wastewater,

effective April 1, 2017 water rates have increased from \$1.45 to \$1.65 per cubic meter

Questions? Contact Six Nations Public Works at

519.445.4242

www.sixnations.ca





YOU COULD SEE
YOUR DESIGN
HERE!

*Colour and graphics to cover the tank portion of the water tower

Water Tower

DESIGN CONTEST

Contest is open to all Six Nations Community Members and will be judged by the Six Nations Building and Infrastructure Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN CONTACT:

Fran Henry, Executive Secretary
SIX NATIONS PUBLIC WORKS
1953 Fourth Line, Ohsweken N0A 1M0
519.445.4242
Email: fhenry@sixnations.ca
Entries can be submitted electronically or in-person

WINNER
WILL RECEIVE
\$500

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:
MAY 31, 2017 @ 4:30 PM



www.sixnations.ca 



District Four Update from Councillor Helen Miller

First of all, I offer my condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones. So much has happened our community is in a constant state of grieving. Our police & emergency services are being stretched beyond limits.

This update is to let you know what is happening in District Four. Or what I would like to see happen. This Council term I chose to sit on: Building & Infrastructure which deals with Public Works & Housing; Education (District #1 Councillor Audrey Powless Bomberry is the chair this term); Environment is a new committee; and a Finance Committee is being contemplated. The External Committees are: GREAT; Mohawk Chapel & Library.

This term as well I plan to travel as little as possible so I can spend more time dealing with local issues. Already I've received numerous calls from people wanting assistance with all sorts of issues from problems with housing to business registration to ditches overflowing.

The Council needs to publicize and start a comprehensive education campaign on our community bylaws. Six Nations has about 100 bylaws on record. Currently, the bylaws are being reviewed but with Council having a one-person policy unit the review process is slow. So Council needs to hire more people in its policy unit. Council is looking to hire a Bylaw Enforcement Officer. But I'm hoping people they will respect the bylaws.

I'm really grateful to GRE for building a new fire hall but at the same time people complain about numerous environmental issues. People complain about the strong smell of cigarettes in the air every so often. It's a health hazard for families in the surrounding areas. The smell is so strong some days it burns the throat. People complain about the smell of sewer coming from GRE, more so in summer. Lately, people tell me the ground around GRE and beyond is water logged. Council needs to develop its own environmental standards, regulations and guidelines. Or partner with Ontario's Ministry of Environment although Council has always maintained provincial environment laws don't apply on reserve. But if we don't have our own laws or standards what else is there. We need to start protecting our environment

I get a lot of complaints about the noise from race nights at Ohsweken Speedway. The Council of the day shouldn't have allowed the speedway in a residential area. Glen Styres did go to council with his plans. He also went to the neighbors who had no objections. The problem is Six Nations does not have zoning and zoning laws.

Cigarette factories, recycling factories and other factories

are being built in residential neighborhoods. Council does not require an extensive environmental assessment on any new development. Nor does Council have any say about on-reserve development. Without zoning laws people can build businesses wherever they choose. Neighbors have no say in what goes next door to them. I remember about 30 years ago when Council mentioned zoning people went ballistic. Now look what is happening to our community.

Stray dogs are a major problem. People have been bitten or attacked by stray dogs. Packs of dogs roam the reserve. We really need to expand our Animal Control Program and hire more staff. This program needs its own building with lots of kennels. Six Nations could even issue its own dog license or those chips.

For the past five years my neighborhood has had issue with loose horses. The farmers complain about the horses eating and trampling crops. My neighbors complain about damage to yards and clumps of poop everywhere. Some people have had near accidents from the horses running unto the road. Right now the horses must be fenced in because we haven't seen them for a while. Sometimes the horses are corralled and sometimes they're not. The thing is when the horses are loose people have nowhere to complain so they call me. The police can only talk to the owner. It's my understanding the SPCA won't come to Six Nations unless asked by Council. Maybe Council should consider establishing a partnership with the Brant County SPCA or maybe we should look at developing our own Six Nations SPCA.

The residents on the unpaved portion of Sixth Line have had to drive over a potholed, washboard road for years. PW scraps the road more often but that's only a band aid. Every time I raise the issue I'm told the road has to be widened, ditched and those over 100 year old trees near the Moses' former estate have to be cut down. As well some houses are pretty close to the road. Brant County chipped and tarred Pauline Johnson Road just the way it was so why can't Six Nations do the same thing? Seneca Road and the end of Fifth Line need to be paved as well.

Then I get complaints about those blue dumpsters in the village. People say the dumpsters are not only an eyesore but a haven for rodents and snakes. The Council has no bylaws regarding the blue dumpsters. So that's something that needs to happen.

Rest assured I'll push these issues every chance I get. Councillor Wray Maracle and I will be hosting one community meeting a month hopefully starting in April so I will keep you posted.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

GRAVITY ROCK CLIMBING

May 4 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Dajoh Youth & Elders Centre. **Call 519-445-4779 for more info**

YOUTH TALENT & RECOGNITION NIGHT

May 5 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Community Hall
Call 519-445-4779 for more info

LET'S MAKE A FAIRY GARDEN

May 12 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at Stoneridge Circle. **Call 519-445-2565 for more info**

THE AMAZING RACE

May 15 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at White Pines Wellness Centre Parking Lot. **Call 519-445-2418 for more info**



2017
*Wilma General
Memorial Award*

Open
Call for
NOMINATIONS

Would you like to Recognize a deserving Person who has promoted Strength, Unity, Compassion through Volunteering in our Community?

**Nominations being accepted
until May 15, 2017 - 4 pm**

Please forward Nomination Packages to:

Six Nations Recognition & Awards Banquet Committee

1695 Chiefswood Road

P.O. Box 5000, Ohsweken ON NoA 1M0

Nomination applications available at:

WWW.SIXNATIONS.CA

2017

MAY 1ST - 5TH • SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER

MONDAY MAY 1ST	<p>FLYING SQUIRREL Youth will enjoy an evening of jumping and fun. Ages 11-17 • 6-8 pm • Hamilton Transportation Available</p>
TUESDAY MAY 2ND	<p>YOUTH/ELDERS ARTS & CRAFT NIGHT Youth/Elders will enjoy a dinner together. Youth or elders who would like to display their work, please call to register your booth. All ages • 6-8 pm • SN Community Hall</p>
WEDNESDAY MAY 3RD	<p>POLICE VS. YOUTH VOLLEYBALL GAME If any youth would like to challenge the police to a friendly game of volleyball, please call and register your team or just drop in that evening. Ages 11-17 • 6-8 pm • Dajoh</p>
THURSDAY MAY 4TH	<p>GRAVITY ROCK CLIMBING Youth will enjoy an evening of climbing at the indoor rock wall. Ages 11-17 • 6-8 pm • Hamilton Transportation Available</p>
FRIDAY MAY 5TH	<p>YOUTH TALENT & RECOGNITION NIGHT Inviting any youth to showcase their talents. Evening is for youth performing/recognition. All ages event • 6-9 pm • SN Community Hall</p>

REGISTRATION REQ'D FOR ALL EVENTS 519.445.4779

PET WELLNESS CLINICS

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

FOR SIX NATIONS BAND MEMBERS

RABIES • \$10

MAY 6, 13 & 27

@Public Works, 1953 Fourth Line
Includes Heartworm Test, Rabies Vaccine, Microchip & Vet Consultation
Additional services will be available for purchase
Pet must be 12 weeks old

SPAY/NEUTER

APRIL 29 & 30

JUNE 23 & 24

@Public Works, 1953 Fourth Line
CASH PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED
Dogs: \$140 Cats: \$80
Pet must be 16 weeks old

Call Six Nations Animal Control Services at 519-445-2947 for more information

Accessibility Legislation Survey

To assist in ensuring a strong and clear Indigenous voice is provided, the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability (BCANDS) is engaging Indigenous communities, leadership, individuals and service providers for their input, expertise and direction necessary for future federal accessibility legislation in Canada.

Share your voice, take the survey today!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCANDS2>