



Ketegaunseebee - The Creator's Garden

Garden River First Nation Community Newsletter

January 2024

Great Spirit Moon

Giichi Manidoo giizis



2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing you a year where
your efforts are
recognized, your hard
work pays off, and your
dreams come true.



JAN 15 2024
6:00 PM

**Garden River
Recreation Centre**
48 Syrette Lake Rd,
Garden River, ON P6A 7A1

CONTACT: 705-946-6300
kjones@gardenriver.org or
communications@gardenriver.org



January General Community Meeting

Garden River First Nation strongly encourages our members of the community to attend.

- A light snack & coffee will be provided for attendees
- Shuttle service provided for Elders, if required

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3844951097?pwd=S7biVxVybUPnZgB2wjK7sGbnZDP5df.1&omn=81512415507>

Meeting ID: 384 495 1097

Passcode: MONTHLYMTG





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As Chief of Garden River First Nation I am taking this opportunity to express to each citizen that I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends. I am confident that 2024 will bring positive change in our community by way of communication, accountability, and transparency. Please remember that I am committed to inclusivity and having safe spaces whether you reside on or off the nation. Every citizen is being afforded an equal voice and we want to hear from you however you chose.

The beginning of 2024 started off in monumental fashion! The 21 Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations Chiefs and trustees, of which include Garden River, met, and officially signed the 10-billion-dollar Settlement Agreement. (Copies available upon request from the Communications staff). We also plan to engage citizens in decision making and garner your thoughts and ideas. Please look forward to your leadership reaching out and requesting input. Every voice matters!

I want to acknowledge the many years of negotiations and legal work that the 21 nations embarked upon before this Settlement Agreement came to fruition. As we begin to navigate this uncharted and historical period in history I ask and remind citizens to continue to be patient as leadership begins to make informed and effective decisions.

Be hyper vigilant surrounding solicitation and if something appears amiss then likely it is. Be cautious and on alert for persons reaching out by phone, mail, email, or social media. Verify and double verify before saying yes!

Community engagements are currently being planned for late February, one at Garden River First

Nation February 20th for our citizens residing here and another engagement February 21st in Sault Ste. Marie for citizens residing there and the surrounding area.

The spring will blossom as it does every year, but this year will bring a rebirth of housing to this nation. It is anticipated that the building of tiny homes along with a transitional housing complex will finally take place. Furthermore, Garden River is also engaging in conversations with other entities to create other housing opportunities with the assistance of external funding sources. Business ventures and capital projects are on the horizon and employment opportunities are continual.

The resurgence of monthly meetings provides an opportunity to stay informed and allow space for you to voice your thoughts and opinions. It allows opportunity to hear from your elected officials. I encourage attendance which not only


demonstrates your interest in the nation as a stakeholder but also your support in leadership who have been elected to make the best decisions on your behalf. Remember we are all elected to a four-year term.

Garden River has experienced over the holidays the passing of loved ones along with citizens who continue to experience hardship daily. Let us all pause from our busy lives to reflect upon those who have passed and those less fortunate.

Miigwetch;
Karen Bell
Ogimaa Kwe / Chief
Ketegaunseebee Anishinaabeg
Ojibways of Garden River First Nation
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Just A Little FYI

**Special Topics in Geography 1:
Turtle Island in Perspective: An
Introduction to Indigenous
Geographies GEOG 3996**



**Feb 20-23, 2024 In person
Algoma University SSM Campus**

**Course Instructor: Visiting Scholar, Deb Pine
PhD Student, University of Guelph
Email: Deborah.Pine@algomau.ca**



GRFN Chief & Council Portfolio Holders	
Chief Karen Bell	karenbell@gardenriver.org
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Candace Sim	councillorsim@gardenriver.org Administration, Governance, Capital Infrastructure, Social Services

Garden River First Nation Chief & Council Portfolio Information		
Administration:	Administration, Finance, Human Resources	
Business & Community Development:	Business Entities, Community Development	
Educational Programs:	Child Care Centre, Education, Language	
Governance:	By-Laws, Governance Committee, Alternative Dispute Resolutions, Membership Committee, Fire Department, Policing, Pandemic & Emergency Response, Cannabis Commission and Tobacco Working Group	
Capital Infrastructure:	Capital Projects, Housing, Public Works, O&M	
Lands & Resources:	Mining, Fish & Wildlife, Forestry, Environment, Lands & Estates	
Nationhood:	Culture/Language, Treaties, Off-Reserve, Special Events, Youth & Elders	
Social Services:	Child & Family Services, Health, Niigaaniin	

Garden River First Nation Chief & Council Assignments		
Organization	Internal/External	Council
Belleville Project Board of Directors	Internal	Kristy Jones
Cannabis Commission	Internal	Chester Langille
Environmental Committee	Internal	Travis Jones
Governance Committee	Internal	Chester Langille, Kari Barry, Luanne Povey, Candace Sim
Justice and Alternative Dispute Resolution	Internal	Chester Langille, Luanne Povey
Ketegaunseebee General Partnership Incorporation	Internal	Chief Karen Bell, Kristy Jones, Travis Jones
Membership Committee	Internal	Candace Sim
Tobacco Working Group	Internal	Darwin Belleau, Travis Jones
Anishinabek Police Services Board of Directors	External/Paid	Chief Karen Bell, Kari Barry
Anishinabek Nation Gas and Tobacco Steering Committee	External	Lee Ann Gamble
Indigenous Woman Anti-Violence Task Force	External	Lee Ann Gamble
Nogdowindamin Board of Directors	External/Paid	Lee Ann Gamble
North Shore Tribal Council Board of Directors	External/Paid	Chief Karen Bell, Travis Jones
Robinson Huron Treaty Trustee	External/Paid	Chester Langille
SSM Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI)	External	Darwin Belleau, Kristy Jones
SET	External	Kari Barry, Travis Jones
SKG	External	Candace Sim

Garden River First Nation Mission Statement

In the spirit of our ancestors and our Treaty, we endeavour to conduct ourselves in a manner that is consistent with the Seven Grandfather Teachings given to us by the Creator. We envision a harmonious community that is built on mutual respect that maintains a healthy balance through prosperity and well-being. Through these actions we intend to create a self-sustaining community that fulfills the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual well-being of all members.

N'bwaakaawin Wisdom	Mnaadendmowin Respect
Zaagidwin Love	Aakdehewin Bravery
Debwewin Truth	Gwekwadziwin Honesty
	Dbaadendizin Humility



Cultural Competency Training Modules Welcomed by Participants.

No matter what walk of life, race, or religion we are ... By adulthood we have usually experienced (or witnessed) racism (or racial stereotypes) in some form or another. Racism, stereotypes, misconceptions, and untruths are also referred to as “barriers”. Barriers, because they quite literally create obstacles within us, our workplaces, and social circles. They are barriers to happiness, mindfulness, and our general harmony within our families, and social lives.

Garden River First Nation and The City of Sault Ste. Marie are part of the CANDO CEDI program and have come together in partnership to participate in an immersive four-part series of Indigenous Cultural Competency Training funded by Canadian Heritage under the community support, multiculturalism, and anti-racism initiatives program (CSMARI).

Events were developed by Garden River First Nation via Darrell Boissoneau, Cultural and Special Events Manager, who had chosen the facilitators of the training events. By educating non-Indigenous people about Anishinabek culture from actual Anishinabek teachers, speakers, elders and knowledge keepers, the goal is to hopefully break down some barriers by providing an alternative perspective through a fully Indigenous lens.

There are no shortcuts when it comes to tearing down racial barriers, but having information sessions that create a safe discussion space are among the first steps. This is what the

Cultural Competency Training Modules aim to achieve. Joining together people from the city’s public sector with members and teachers from local Indigenous communities into one room, specifically to discuss racism, misconceptions, and how to move forward in a good way. Cultural training sessions like this are just one small part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 94 recommend actions towards reconciliation. Or more specifically, as was mentioned in the modules, “... To bring about Reconciliation.”

By Dustin Hollings;
Communications Specialist



Recipe



4-ingredient air fryer ham and cheese pancakes

Ingredients:

- Pancake mix
- Ham slices finely chopped
- Grated cheese
- Green onion chopped

4 Method Steps:

1. prepare pancake mix
2. Heat frying pan over medium–low heat. Drop 2 tablespoonful's pancake mixture into the pan, spreading slightly to form a circle. Repeat with mixture to cover base of pan in pancakes. Cook for two minutes or until bubbles appear on the surface. Transfer to a baking tray, uncooked side up. Repeat for remaining mixture.

3. Divide ham, cheese, and onion among pancakes. Fold pancakes to enclose filling and press edges to seal.
4. Air fry pancakes in batches at 180c for 6-7 minutes or until cheese has melted. Serve with a sprinkling of extra onion.





Great things to donate to GRFN-MIIJIM GAAMIG Food Bank

- Peanut Butter & Jam
- Pasta (dry or canned)
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tomatoes
- Tuna or Salmon
- Other canned meats: chicken, ham or turkey flakes
- Kraft Dinner, Sidekicks, Mr. Noodles
- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Rice/Flour/Oatmeal
- Coffee (instant or ground)
- Tea
- Juice Boxes

Money and Food Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at Miijim Gaamig Food Bank located at the GRFN Band Office



MIIJIM GAAMIG
FOOD HOUSE

Hours of Operation

- Monday—9 am—4 pm
- Tuesday—CLOSED
- Wednesday—9 am—4 pm
- Thursday—CLOSED
- Friday—9am—4 pm

PLEASE NOTE: LUNCH CLOSURE (12-1pm)

Food bank access is limited to one visit per month

MIIGWETCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Further information, please contact Michelle @ MIIJIM GAAMIG (705-946-6300 ext 227)



RHT Update



Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND

Litigation Timeline

June 17, 2023

Robinson Huron Treaty Leadership, Ontario and Canada announce proposed settlement of \$10 billion for past losses.

September 9, 2023

Robinson Huron First Nations hosts ceremony to honour the 173rd Anniversary of 1850 Treaty signing and renew treaty relationship. This date was also designated as the effective date for entitlement to the individual portion of the proposed settlement.

January 3, 2024

The Settlement Agreement for past compensation is signed by the RHTLF Trustees. Signatures from the Ministers for Canada and Ontario to follow shortly afterwards.

Spring 2024

Goal timeline to receive the settlement amount from Canada and Ontario.

**August 31 -
September 1, 2023**

Robinson Huron First Nations Councils and Trustees approved the proposed Settlement Agreement in accordance with the Robinson Huron Litigation Trust Fund Indenture.

November 2023

Government of Ontario's Stage One and Two Appeal was heard at the Supreme Court of Canada.

**Fall-Winter
2023/24**

Locally held community engagement sessions.

**Per Capita/
Individual
Distributions**

Community determined.

Disclaimer: Goal dates are subject to change and are dependent on the completion of approval processes of all parties, including the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.



Update on Garden River First Nation Street lighting Upgrades



Aaniin,

First, thank you to the community for their patience in the upgrades/repairs of the street lights. Let it be known we share your excitement and anticipation for community projects. Supplier delays are an unfortunate reality, and

that issue has only amplified since the pandemic began. Rest assured that we have been in communication with vendors and have been given assurances that work will commence early in the new year. Please reach out if you've got any questions or concerns.

Evan Belleau,
Energy Advisor
Community Development
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ebelleau@gardenriver.org

Miigwetch and baamaapii.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Work on upgrading community streetlighting has experienced supplier delays:
Work is expected to begin early in the New Year

Thank you for your patience and excitement. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Evan Belleau, Energy Advisor
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ebelleau@gardenriver.org



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Happy birthday to our mama! (Trixie)
You are loved more than you know!
Love your girls, Raghan & Autumn

Thankful and Grateful to have you as my life partner.

Happy 60th David Len Boissoneau

Love your wife Tamara



A Big Happy 60th Birthday to Papa Dave January 2.

We love you and hope you have a great day!

Love always Shasta, Brynn, Lakely & Riverlee ♥



Happy 70th Birthday to Karen Belleau January 19

Love your Tamara & Kelly



Happy 1st Birthday Ezra Grace Lothrop

we love you so much!!

Love Auntie Cheyote and Gabriella xo



Anishinaabemowin-Teg 2024



Zaagtoodaa Anishinaabemowin Let's Love Our Language

Anishinaabemowin-Teg 2024
Presents Our 30th Annual - In Person Conference
Kewadin Casino, Hotel and Convention Centre - Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
Thursday - Saturday, March 28th to 30th
9:00am to 5:00pm

Opening Ceremonies: Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare
Celebrating National Indigenous Language Day
Friday Evening Scholarship Banquet 6 to 10pm / Saturday Evening Hoedown 7pm

E-niigaangidoonjig - Keynote Speakers

Martin Bayer Barbara Nolan



Martin Bayer is a member of the Ojibways of Aundeck Omni-Kaning First Nation on Manitoulin Island and was raised on the M'Chigeeng First Nation. He is a Partner with Weaver, Simmons LLP in Sudbury, Ontario and is the head of their Aboriginal Law Group. He practices aboriginal law with a focus on natural resource development, land claims and self-government matters.

Anishinaabek Nation Language Commissioner, Barbara Nolan is grateful to have survived the attempts by Canada's Indian residential schools system to take her Anishinaabe language from her. As a vibrant first-speaker of Anishinaabemowin, Barbara has spent several decades working to revitalize our language. Most recently, she has facilitated in partnership with the Wiikwemikoong Anishinaabemowin Department, three cohorts of an immersion instructor program for fluent speakers.



Attention Elders 65 and Older!!

The Anishinaabemowin-Teg 2024 "Zaagtoodaa Anishinaabemowin 'Let's Love Our Language'" Conference coverage is a go!!

The Conference Registration for Elders 65 years and older will be covered only. The registration cost covers the following:

- ◆ All sessions for three days
- ◆ ASL interpretation
- ◆ Welcome dinner Thursday evening 6 pm @ Nigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Bldg. (11 Ice Circle Drive)
- ◆ Boxed Lunch Friday noon
- ◆ Lunch Saturday noon
- ◆ Saturday evening hoedown, conference swag bags, Casino Coupons.

The Friday Eve Banquet, room rental, additional food, transportation costs will be the Elders responsibility.

Please contact Irene M. Gray at irene.gray@gardenriver.ca or 705-946-3933 ext. 210 with your name, address, phone number before March 13 to ensure payment requirements are processed on time.

Miigwetch and I look forward to receiving the Elders 65 and older's information to be processed for the 30th Annual event!

Irene M. Gray
Resource Centre Coordinator
irene.gray@gardenriver.ca

Conference Registration

<https://bit.ly/anishinaabemowinteg2024>

\$300 USD Adults

\$250 USD Students/Elders

\$150 USD Children/Youth

Friday Eve Banquet - ticket sold separately \$40 USD

Follow link or QR code to purchase tickets and for info to book your hotel room

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Vendor booths available \$250 USD + silent auction gift
contact anishinaabemowinteg@gmail.com
Children and Youth Activity Program Available



INDOOR
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

\$200
PER TEAM



FEB
18

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS CRFN TYKE LNHL TEAM

FIRST 20 TEAMS ACCEPTED

UP & DOWN LOUNGE
24 SECOND LINE WEST,
SAULT STE. MARIE



CASH PRIZES & PRIZE TABLE

REGISTER NOW
ROACHPINE@HOTMAIL.COM

Newsies Performance

Janie and Michael Belleau would like to congratulate their son Wyatt for his participation and performance in White Pine's presentation of 'Newsies'. "We are so proud of you!!"





Valentine's Day Rides

AT HIDDEN HILLS STABLES

Valentines Day Trail Rides for 2 at Hidden Hills Stable + hot chocolate and bonfire afterwards

Contact Us for more information!!
705-943-6135

Congratulations Sue Chiblow!!

On your newly appointed position as "Canadian Commissioner with International Joint Commission"!!! Sue succeeds Henry Lickers, the IJC's first Indigenous commissioner.

International Joint Commission's mandate is to prevent and resolve disputes between Canada and the United States under the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty.

Sue (Susan) Bell Chiblow has an extensive environmental related experience and is a Professor of Environmental Sciences at the University of Guelph and has been the Chiefs of Ontario Environmental Co-ordinator.

Source: <https://www.saultstar.com/news/local-news/garden-river-member-is-new-ijc-commissioner>

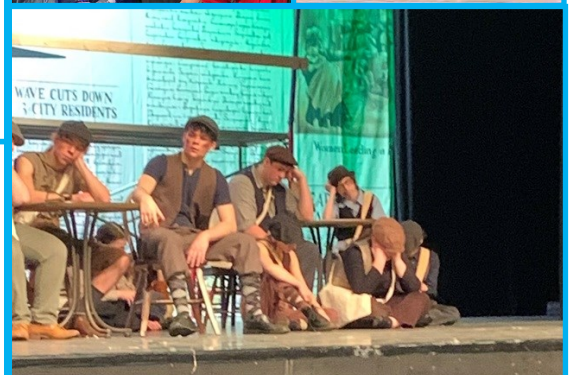
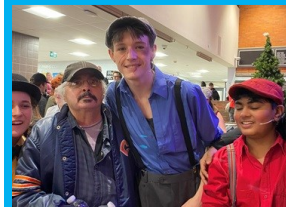
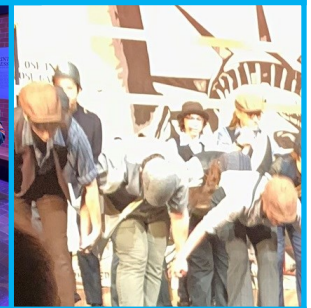
Kitchi Miigwetch to the Staff and Management at:



GR Resource Centre
Big Arrow Variety & Gas Bar



for assisting me in my recent vehicle situation ... much appreciated! Alanna





Hosted by the Batchewana Learning Centre and the Education Wellness Team

HONORING OUR YOUTH ROUND DANCE

SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 27, 2024

PIPE CEREMONY 5:00 P.M.
FOLLOWED BY FEAST
ROUND DANCE 7:00 P.M.
GIVEAWAYS & CLOSING



15 Jean Avenue in the Batchewana Learning Centre Gymnasium

The Kii Ga Do Waak Nookimisuk (Grandmothers Council) will be hosting A Sacred Fire and cultural revitalization activities in collaboration with Ontario Aboriginal Housing in support of less housed and street-involved individuals in Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding communities.

All are welcome to attend .

Kiigadowaak and OAHS invite you to join us for A Sacred Fire

500 Bay Street (OAHS Building)

From 8am-4:30pm

Thursday January 18th, 2024

..... Spiritual Supports from Grandmothers

..... Hot Soup, Bannock and Coffee will be

Provided



Ontario
Aboriginal
Housing Services

Please Wear Warm Clothes

ARE YOU READY?!

THE SAULT COLLEGE POWWOW

IS HAPPENING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2024!

GRAND ENTRY: 1PM & 6PM

SAVE THE DATE!



Algoma
UNIVERSITY



18th Annual Pow Wow

GATHERING at the RAPIDS

Celebrating Life-long Learning

MARCH 2ND & 3RD, 2024

George Leach Centre,
Algoma University
1520 Queen Street E
Sault Ste. Marie, ON



SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND & SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm Grand Entry: 12pm
Feast: 5pm

Please bring your feast bundle (plate, bowl, cup, utensils) and reusable water bottles.

Host Drum: The Boyz
Co-Host Drum: Bear Creek
M.C.'s: John Teller Jr. & Joel Syrette
Head Veterans: Walker Stonefish & Jan Ritchie
Head Singing Judge: Joe Syrette
Head Male Dance Judge: Paul Syrette
Head Female Dance Judge: Kristol Abel
Arena Directors: Kevin Syrette & Bryan MacIntyre (Beej)

VENDORS

Food Table - \$300 | Craft Table - \$150

Vendors can register by contacting:
Tiana Wabegijig-Jourdain
E: tiana.wabegijig-jourdain@algomau.ca
P: (705) 949-2301 ext. 4816

HOST HOTEL

Quality Inn & Suites Bay Front
1-800-567-4421 (Request the "Gathering at the Rapids" rate)

This is a drug and alcohol free community event.

DRUM COMPETITION

1st \$12,000 | 2nd \$8,000 | 3rd \$6,000 | 4th \$4,000 | 5th \$2,000 | 6th-9th \$1,000

DANCE COMPETITION

\$5 Registration Fee

1st \$1,000 | 2nd \$800 | 3rd \$600 | 4th \$400 | 5th \$200
Golden Age (50+) (All Categories Combined)
Senior Adult (35 - 49) (Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Jingle, Woodland)
Junior Adult (18 - 34) (Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Jingle, Woodland)

1st \$500 | 2nd \$400 | 3rd \$300 | 4th \$200 | 5th \$100
Teen (13-17) (Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Jingle, Woodland)

1st \$300 | 2nd \$250 | 3rd \$200 | 4th \$150 | 5th \$100
Junior (6-12) (Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Jingle, Woodland)

SPONSORED SPECIALS

Men's Woodland Category: SSMIFC
Old Style Woman's Jingle: Cathy Syrette & Family

Canned food donations for Algoma University's Food Pantry are greatly appreciated.

FREE! CANNED FOOD DONATIONS APPRECIATED.



GR Elementary School

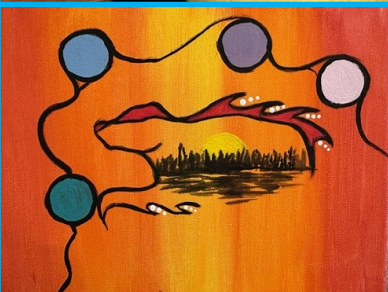
Minidoo Giizoonhs was a great month for us. We were able to play out in the snow, rain, puddles, and mud. We had our first family feast with our students and their families. We had a turkey dinner, with a variety of wild meat dishes, fruit, veggies and desserts that were brought in from families and staff. It was a great potluck! We then had a visit from Santa who had to chase away the Grinch who tried to take the bag of toys. We are looking forward to the new year as we have archery sessions, waaboozo snaring and walks in the bush to check for tracks coming up in Minidoo Giizis, as well as lots of reading, writing and doing Math.

Miigwech and Nimo Nimkiikaadaading kina weyaa. Happy New Year to everyone!

Mona and the Garden River Elementary School Staff



Elementary & Secondary Liaisons



GRFN Education Unit Presents

Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Open to all GRFN students JK-GR 12

DEADLINE
DEC 13TH

SCAVENGER HUNT ITEMS

- Pinecone/Acorn
- Favourite Mug
- Anything Santa
- Christmas Ornament
- Cedar Leaf

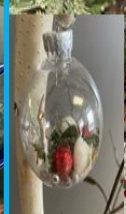
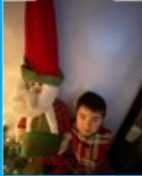


5 \$30 GIFT CARD
DRAWS
DEC 18TH

Send picture of yourself with all scavenger hunt items to photosubmissions@gardenriver.ca

Photo submissions will grant the GRFN Education Unit to publish to our social media such as Facebook and the Newsletter, thank you!

Made with PosterMyWall.com



GRFN EDUCATION UNIT

Christmas Scavenger Hunt & Random Draw Winners!

- Ava Nolan \$30 Walmart
- Harrison Sayers-Pine \$30 Galaxy
- Thomas Belleau-Pine \$30 Walmart
- Dominick Solomon \$30 Galaxy
- Kara Belleau-Pine \$30 Walmart

Congrats to all & thank you to all submissions!
We will be in touch with all winners!

HAPPY NEW YEAR and Welcome to 2024!!

I hope that you enjoyed your holidays and that you are all rested and ready to tackle the Winter 2024 semester.

There is not much to report on at this time except to give more of my **reminders**. So, if you have provided me with access to your online student account and you have updated your password for me, I will be logging in and printing off both your:

- **Fall 2023 final grades** and
- your **new timetable/schedule** for the **Winter 2024** semester.

If your school has the extra step to access your student portal via an **authenticator app/code**, please go ahead & send me a copy of your final grades and new Winter 2024 schedule in .pdf format to help speed up the process.

GRFN Post-Secondary Sponsorship application deadlines:

- **March 29th for Spring/Summer** (May to August)
- **May 15th for Fall** (Sept. to Dec)

Post-secondary students currently being sponsored will be sent many reminders via email. **Remember that sponsorship is not guaranteed for the entire length of your program...you must always reapply by the appropriate deadlines.**

Therefore, please submit your new GRFN post-secondary sponsorship application *as soon as possible* to avoid disappointment!

Again, applications can be completed online or printed from our website at **www.gardenriver.ca** under the Post-Secondary section.

Congratulations to the students that completed their graduation requirements in December 2023. I will be in touch next year for GRFN graduate celebration details.

Please remember to submit your final transcripts and a copy of your diploma/degree for your file. Good Luck in all of your future endeavours!!

For all Continuing & NEW Winter Students:

Please remember that if you **made any changes to your educational plans**, you should have contacted me to discuss first to ensure that you still meet the sponsorship requirements. You also signed a contract stating that you would **inform me asap** - this may include, but is not limited to things like:

- if you failed one or more Fall 2023 courses and it impacted your Winter 2024 timetable/schedule (it now limits what you can take in Winter),
- if you made changes to your timetable/schedule (dropped and/or added a course),
- if you changed programs,
- if you transferred schools,
- if you changed your login information,
- if you decided you needed a break and will not be attending,
- if you are having trouble getting to and from classes, or
- did you move, etc., etc.....

By not informing me of your changes, you may jeopardize your current and future sponsorship. Please keep me informed at all times to avoid any potential sponsorship problems.

IMPORTANT: FALL 2023 FINAL GRADES

If you failed any of your courses, please do not disappear. Please contact me quickly to discuss and see how they may impact your sponsorship and program moving forward for Winter 2024.

BOOKS/SUPPLIES ADVANCE FOR WINTER 2024 SEMESTER

As you know, each student is entitled to the established minimum of \$800 for each academic year. As you also know (from section 1.7 of your PS Operating Guidelines), once you have gone over that amount, you are **reimbursed** for any and all **mandatory books/supplies** purchased once all required documentation is submitted. For your information, Garden River does not pay for any computers, laptops, printers, ink, related supplies, etc. regardless of these items being required

or not. This is considered an investment in your own education.

NOTE: If you received a reimbursement through the Fall 2023 semester, your total for this Winter 2024 semester is the balance of the following: **\$800/year minus the \$400 provided for the Fall advance minus any reimbursement received.**

For example, if you received a reimbursement of \$222 in October, you will only be getting \$178 to buy your books/supplies in January. **However, when or as you spend more, please submit the required information and you will be reimbursed quickly.**

If you have any questions, concerns or you just want to chat about your educational goals, please call or email or set up an in-person appointment or send a virtual meeting request: 705-946-3933 ext. 202 OR toll-free at 1-866-518-7806 or by email meataamjones@gardenriver.ca.

Anne Marie Jones
Post-Secondary Counsellor



OCAS / OUAC APPLICATIONS

For **programs beginning September 2024**, applications must be received by Ontario College Application Services (**OCAS**) **on or before February 1, 2024 to be given equal consideration** OR the Ontario University Application Centre **on or before January 15, 2024 to be given equal consideration**. OCAS/OUAC encourages all applicants NOT currently enrolled in a secondary school to apply online at www.ontariocolleges.ca or www.ouac.on.ca.

High School graduates: if you haven't already completed this with the help of your high school guidance counsellor, please set up an appointment quickly. Applications received after these dates are considered on a first come, first served basis. **So, the earlier you apply, the better your chances of securing a seat in the program of your choice especially if the program is popular and oversubscribed.**

The Ontario College / University Application Service **fee will be reimbursed once you receive your "Acknowledgment Letter or electronic receipt"** from OCAS or OUAC and

you have completed the **Garden River Application for Post-Secondary Educational Assistance** package.

There are **two important applications** that you must complete at the same time:

- Ontario College / University Application **AND**
- the **Garden River Application for Post-Secondary Educational Assistance package**

Feel free to call or email or set up an in-person appointment or send a virtual meeting request to complete your Garden River First Nation Application for sponsorship.

☼ **NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS - especially High School Students.** ☼

If you have been one of the majority of students that are **“working just enough to get by”** while in school, please believe us when we (your parents, guidance counsellors, older students/graduates, aunts/uncles, grandparents, etc.) say that the more time you **actually work** at getting better grades, the **better your options will be at the college and university level.**

That could simply mean just studying a few hours a day for a few days or reviewing your work every week as opposed to the couple hours of “cramming” the night before a test or exam, or by working longer than one night on researching and compiling your assignments/projects before they are due, etc.

It also means **taking the right courses** while you are in high school. It is never a good option to just go with the easiest level. If you are planning on going to college or university **AND EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING THAT NOW**, it is best to **challenge yourself now and take the highest level courses so that when you are ready to continue your education at college or university, you will have the proper courses to gain admission to the program of your choice.**

Many of my current post-secondary students, both the young and more mature ones, now have the benefit of hindsight (you know that saying “if I only knew then what I know now”). Well, now they say that “if only I had just attended more”, or “if I had just studied more” or “if I had just tried harder”, or “if I had just taken those higher level courses” or “if I had reached out for and asked for help”, I could’ve done this and I could’ve done that **AND** it would not be so tough now!!! It is never too late to change your work/study habits and manage your time better to help you achieve your academic potential - the rewards are definitely worth it in the end.... *(time flies and doesn’t wait for anyone).. don’t become the next to say “if only....”*

from Anne Marie Jones, Post-Secondary Counsellor

GRFN POST-SECONDARY SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES

Garden River Grade 12 Students (this reminder message can apply to both on and off reserve) please be reminded of the deadline to complete your GRFN Application for Post-Secondary Sponsorship forms (for college or university funding) with the Education Unit if you plan on attending college or university next fall (September 2024). If you have questions about graduation and applying for sponsorship with Garden River and we have not yet met up about this, feel free to email me to discuss / sjones@gardenriver.ca.

<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/> One website to browse Canadian scholarships and awards.

Here is a direct link to access the funding application forms and just to note that these are separate application forms apart from applying to a college or university for your program(s). <https://www.gardenriver.ca/site/forms/>



Regards,
Stephanie Jones
Secondary Liaison Worker
Garden River First Nation Education Unit
48 Syrette Lake Road
GARDEN RIVER, ON P6A 7A1
705.946.3933 ext 208

GRFN
POST-SECONDARY
SPONSORSHIP
APPLICATION
DEADLINES

(for applying for funding with Garden River for college or university studies)

MAR 29TH FOR SPRING/SUMMER (MAY - AUG)
MAY 15TH FOR FALL (SEP - DEC)
OCT 15TH FOR WINTER (JAN - APR)

TO VIEW THE FORMS:
www.gardenriver.ca / Post Secondary / Forms

For questions or more info:
sjones@gardenriver.ca (for Grade 12s)
amjones@gardenriver.ca

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GRFN Public Library aka Resource Centre

The Garden River First Nation Resource Centre/
Public Library's

Services include:

- Printing, blinding, laminating is available.
- Book lending
- Printing services *(free for students)*
- Reading; craft; kids programs

Additional Info:

- Free Wifi Available to students & community members
- Ontario Parks Permit—2 parking passes that can be loaned out
- The VR Console/Computer has approx. 30 games available
- 3D Printer — small single colour requests can be printed for a fee

Email:

irene.gray@gardenriver.ca

Or Call:

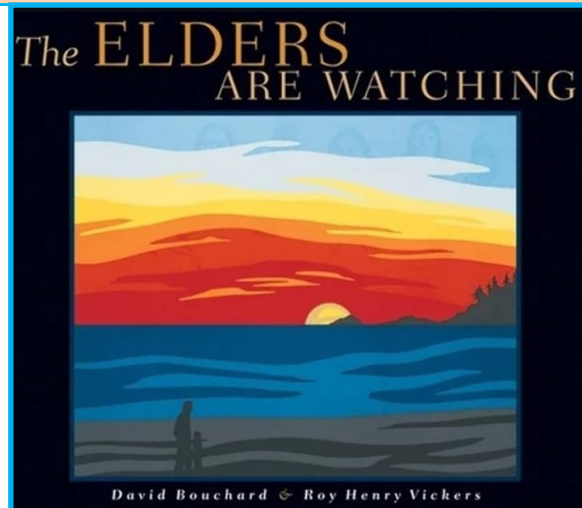
705-946-3933 ext. 210

January Featured Book

The Elders are Watching; David Bouchard & Roy Henry Vickers will be read during the Drop In Story Time!

Come and listen to the lyrical, thoughtful poetry and enjoy viewing the beautiful images as together, the collaboration of both David and Roy bring a plea to respect the natural treasures of our environment.

This book and many others are available for borrowing at the GRFN Public Library. Which is located in the Education/ Recreation Centre building at 48 Syrette Lake Road.



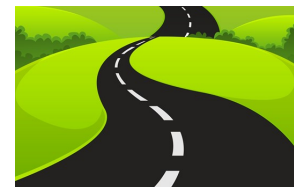
Anishinaabemowin Words for the Month:



Ashogan—bridge



Atawaikamik—store



Miikana(wan) - road

2024 Ontario Parks Permit Lending Program

Is ready to go again! The GRFN Public Library has secured 5 permits for the 2024 season!

Available for sign out for 2 weeks at a time, for community members who are travelling around Ontario and hoping to check out the Ontario Parks! Free Day Passes!!

While our status cards ensure we have free entry to Ontario Parks in OUR AREA ONLY, these permits will allow a free day pass for ALL of the Ontario Parks no matter where!!

Easy to use, just show the park attendant as you go into the park and then, enjoy your exploring!! Email Irene to book one for 2 weeks now!

irene.gray@gardenriver.ca



The Garden River First Nation Public Library/Resource Centre

November 2023 - June 2024 Line Up

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 am - 6:00 pm



Social Fabric Drop In Program
with special guests:
Thinking Rock Community Art
Thursdays 4-6 pm.
Feb. 29; Mar. 28; Apr. 25 & Jun. 27

Journaling Support Group
Tuesdays 5:00 - 5:45 pm
Jan. 23; Feb. 13; Mar. 19; Apr. 16; May 14;

Drop In Story Time
Thursdays 5:00 - 5:30 pm
Jan. 18; Feb. 8; Mar. 14; Apr. 11; May 9; Jun. 6

Bad Art Nights
Tuesdays 5:00 - 5:45 pm
Jan. 16; Feb. 6; Mar. 5; Apr. 9; May 7; Jun. 4

All other Tuesdays & Thursdays
Feel free to drop in to check out the books
the VR games, get school printing done
or just hang out! bring your beading as well!

January 2024							February 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Journaling Support Group—5:00—5:45 pm
Afterschool Art Drop In—4:00—6:00 pm
Drop In Story Time 5:00—5:30 pm
Bad Art Nights 5:00—5:45 pm

Starting November 14, 2023
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10 am—2 pm & 3 pm—6 pm

Journaling Support Group

Join Irene once a month at the GRFN Public Library to explore the creative process of journal writing.

Take some time for yourself to create and write; explore different mediums while creating a personal journal that reflects who you are.

Art supplies will be provided, a few journals as well feel free to use/bring your own!

Tuesdays from 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

January 23, 2024
February 13, 2024
March 19, 2024
April 16, 2024
May 14, 2024



Join Irene for a 1/2 hour of interactive story telling! Stories will be taken from various Native Content Books and Novels. Content will be based on attendees

Everyone Welcome!
Come in and listen! Enjoy a light snack

Tuesdays 5 - 5:30 pm

January 18
February 8
March 14
April 11
May 9
June 6



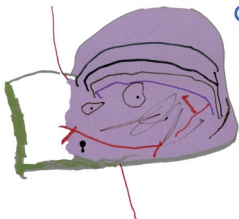
Bad Art Nights

Join Irene once a month to create "BAD ART"

How it Works

You have 25 minutes to GET CREATIVE with the art supplies Make a sculpture, painting, struture, mobile, book, necklace whatever kind of art you want. as long as it is really bad.

I'll set up an exhibition of Bad Art and everyone will vote. The Best Bad Art will wil The Bad Trophy Good Luck!



open to young adults & adults
get in touch with your inner child!

Tuesdays 5 - 5:45 pm

January 16
February 6
March 5
April 9
May 7
June 4



A once a month Social Fabric Drop In Program

With Special Guest
Thinking Rock Community Arts



Join Irene & Guests for an evening of creative art exploration as part of their Social Fabric Drop-Ins

Join a diverse team of makers, artists & creative folks as we explore together the textile traditions of Algoma; co-create collaborative art projects; and consider themes of mending and interweaving in art, life and community! No experience needed, supplies provided and everyone is welcome.

Thursdays 4 -6 pm

February 29
March 28
April 25
June 27





FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



JANUARY 20, 2024

PROCEEDS GOING TO LNHL

\$100/TEAM

3 ON 3 CO-ED TOURNAMENT
MINIMUM 1 GIRL ON FLOOR AT ALL TIMES
AGES 15+

(705) 946-4006

cmoretin@grfnrec.com

rbillingsley@grfnrec.com



GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	THURSDAYS
BEGINNER/ INTERMEDIATE 5:00PM-6:00PM	YOUTH 5:30PM - 6:30PM	YOUTH 5:30PM - 6:30PM
	BEGINNER/ INTERMEDIATE 6:30PM - 7:30PM	BEGINNER/ INTERMEDIATE 6:30PM - 7:30PM



RUNNING INDEFINITELY



MEET OUR NEW PERSONAL TRAINER



KEESHA SAUNDERS

Personal Training Older Adult/Group Exercise
Rehabilitation Therapy Sport Specific Training

Contact Info:
ksaunders@grfnrec.com - (705) 946-4005 ext. 251



LUNCH HOUR WORKOUT CLASS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAYS

12:15PM - 12:45PM

@ GR REC GYMNASIUM

FREE OF CHARGE

STARTING NOVEMBER 14



Hours of Operation

Monday—Friday 7 am—9 pm
& Saturday—Sunday 9 am—4 pm



Garden River Member Prices

Membership	1 year	6 months	3 months	1 month
Adult (18+)	\$248.00	\$170.00	\$94.00	\$34.00
Elders (55 +)	\$241.00	\$144.00	\$78.00	\$29.00
Junior (14-17)	\$225.00	\$154.00	\$82.00	\$31.00

Regular Member Prices

Membership	1 year	6 months	3 months	1 month
Adult (18+)	\$290.00	\$202.00	\$108.00	\$40.00
Elders (55 +)	\$248.00	\$170.00	\$92.00	\$35.00
Junior (14-17)	\$262.00	\$180.00	\$98.00	\$38.00



In the weeks up to the Holidays, Garden River Aggregate Division (GRAD) was asked to prepare a float for the Garden River Parade and was invited to participate in the Echo Bay Community parade as well. When the float was waiting in line, for the Parade to begin, the organizers had approached Jessica Kennedy (who also organized the whole thing) and informed her that the GRAD float had won an award for "Most Elegant".

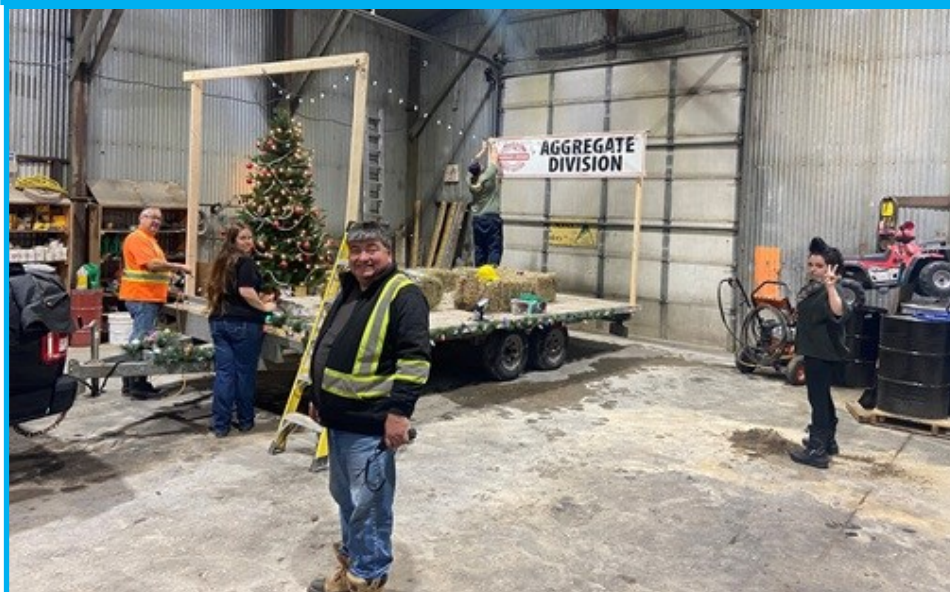
I'd like to give recognition to all the employees here at the Garden River Aggregate Division for taking part in these events:

- ↳ Brendan Boissoneau
- ↳ Jessica Kennedy
- ↳ Christopher Jones
- ↳ Ross Lariviere
- ↳ Darren Catling
- ↳ Damien Mcphearson
- ↳ Dan Tice
- ↳ Olivia Gray

Everyone here had taken part in designing and organizing the float.

Chi Miigwetch!

Christopher Jones
Aggregate Supervisor





Membership Office

Updates

January, 2024

Garden River First Nation in conjunction with the Membership Committee are in the process of seeking community input regarding the existing Membership Code. While discussions are occurring the Membership Committee will not be processing band membership applications. At a duly convened meeting held on December 19, 2023 the Garden River First Nation Chief and Council have agreed to place a moratorium on processing band membership applications until January, 2025.

Please watch for dates and times for future community engagements

Please plan to attend these meetings to have your voice heard.

Registration

Upon successful registration through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), the Membership Office receives confirmation that you're register with Garden River First Nation by receiving a "199" number. This application process will still occur. If you require assistance, please contact the Membership Office.

Status Card Issuance

Please call to schedule an appointment with Brooke Boissoneau, Assistant IRA to have your status card issued. Garden River First Nation citizens— \$20.00

- picture included
- Other First Nation citizens— \$40.00
- registration information prior to your appointment;
- Picture included

HAVE YOU MOVED?
PLANNING TO MOVE?



Please update your address with the Membership Office



Contact
Terri Tice, Indian Registration Administrator
705-946-6300 ext. 246 * ttice@gardenriver.org
or online at:
<https://www.gardenriver.org/site/membership>

Contact Information

Membership Office, 7 Shingwauk Street, Garden River, ON P6A 6Z8
 Terri Tice, IRA
 705-946-6300 ext. 246
 ttice@gardenriver.org

Brooke Boissoneau, Assistant IRA
 705-946-6300 ext. 247
 brookeb@gardenriver.org

MEMBERSHIP OFFICE HOURS
 MONDAY - FRIDAY
 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
 CLOSED 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.



JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

5:00PM GRFN Community Centre

Evening Yoga

with Candace Zack-Coneybeare

January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th

11 12-2pm

GRFN Community Centre

DIABETES EDUCATION CLASS

with Bev Humphrys and Genevieve London

19 10-1 PM
GRFN Community Centre

Vision Board Making

25 4-7 PM
GRFN Community Centre

Mental Wellness Evening

Contact Logan Perreault to register
lperreault@grhc.ca
705-946-5710 ext. 229

26 12-2PM
GRFN Wellness Centre

Diabetes Healthy Recipes Pickup



SEWING GROUP 65+

@ GR WELLNESS CENTRE

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(Starts Jan 10th for 6 WEEKS)

Selena Belleau 705-946-5710 ext 267



Youth Programming for January



15 JAN HEALTHY KIDS WINTER FOOD CHALLENGE (FOR EXISTING REGISTRANTS)
PICKUP @ WELLNESS CENTRE FROM 12-2PM

25 JAN MENTAL WELLNESS EVENING (MUST REGISTER)
4PM @ THE COMMUNITY CENTRE/ WATCH FOR FLYER

26 JAN CARDBOARD SLED CLASSIC
FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS/ SUBMISSIONS DUE @ NOON

29 JAN HEALTHY KIDS WINTER FOOD CHALLENGE (FOR EXISTING REGISTRANTS)
PICKUP @ WELLNESS CENTRE FROM 12-2PM

For more information contact:

Jordie Thibault
Youth Community Health Rep
jthibault@grhc.ca
cell: 705-989-2309



ELDERS 65+ JANUARY 2024

Selena Belleau 705-946-5710 ext 267

09
JAN

Social/Lunch
@ Community Centre
12:00



23
JAN

Grocery Bingo/Lunch
@ Community Centre
12:00



31
JAN

LUNCHEON
@ Community Centre
11:30



EVERY
MONDAY | YOGA
@Rec Centre Gym
12:00

EVERY
WEDNES-
DAY

SEWING GROUP
10am @ Wellness
Centre
(must register)



Self-Regulation
2024 Education Series
Wednesday Evenings
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dates / Topics:

January 24, 2024 - Activity & Regroup

February 21, 2024 - Role of Medication in
Self-Regulation with Dr. Bolduc

March 20, 2024 - Dr. Ross Geene's
Collaborative and Proactive Solutions
Approach

April 17, 2024 - Planning for the Summer

May 15, 2024 - Community and Online
Safety

15 spots available

Limited childminding spots may
be available

Dinner will be provided for each
session

Location: Garden River Wellness
Centre

For more information and to register contact Katelynn Lewis
705-946-5710 ext. 231 | klewis@grhc.ca





BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN

To: Program Participants
From: Community Outreach, Garden River Child and Family Services
Date: January 8, 2023
Re: Lunch and Learn Program Cancellation

Please be advised, that effective immediately, the Lunch and Learn program held on Thursdays is canceled until further notice. This is not due to any particular instance, but several factors that have transpired over the past few months.

Our funding for the Grantie's program was not renewed for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. We decided to continue a weekly lunch and learn group for those who may not have children in their care, to stay connected with societal issues that impact families in our community. In addition, we provided cultural awareness and teachings in a space where everyone would feel welcomed and respected.

To be honest and transparent, there were several instances when Garden River Child and Family Service staff and invited guests were challenged and disappointed with behaviours exhibited by some individuals in attendance. Our goal was to provide information, education, and meaningful discussions for participants to take what they needed in accordance with our 7 Grandfather Teachings. Our time for healing and to be better for the next generation is now.

We appreciate your engagement and interest in this program. Due in part to a staff shortage, our Community Outreach team is refocusing programs on the children, youth, and parents/caregivers who drive the mandate in the work we do to build stronger families and communities for our children.

Miigwetch,
Community Outreach Team
Garden River Child and Family Services

Most programs are on Zoom. Cameras are to remain on for duration of program.
Off reserve band members are encouraged to participate!


STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION	HOW TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM	PROGRAM INCENTIVES/DRAWS
<p>MG—Melissa Grawbarger – mgrawbarger@grcfs.ca x2205</p> <p>MP – Marie T. Pine – mtpine@grcfs.ca x214</p> <p>SN—Stevie Nolan—snolan@grcfs.ca x221</p> <p>BC – Belinda Camara – bcamara@grcfs.ca x202</p> <p>KM - Kelly Musgrove – kmusgrove@grcfs.ca x206</p>	<p>Please email or call Staff running the program to register! Join by phone, cellphone, tablet, or computer!!</p> <p>**PLEASE REGISTER ONE DAY IN ADVANCE AS SPACES ARE LIMITED**</p>	<p>PROGRAMS – Participants will receive an incentive for every program they attend.</p> <p>FAMILY FUN CHALLENGES – Each family that participates will receive an incentive.</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES (LA) – Each family that participates in the Learning Activities will receive an incentive</p>



G'NAADMAAGOOM

Garden River Child and Family Services VIRTUAL Program Calendar January 2024 Phone: (705) 450-5071


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
<p>** Reminder** Early Years Drop In Open Tuesdays to Thursdays Please contact Kelly or Belinda for hours and information</p>	<p>Please Note: Virtual participants will not be let in Zoom more than 5 minutes after program start time</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6/7</p>
<p>Holiday Office Closure—HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p>					
<p>8</p>	<p>9 BC/KM –ZOOM – I Spy Shapes 4:30 Parents/ Caregivers & Children 0-6 SN – Chill & Chat 5:00 pm Parent/Caregivers of Children 0–12 MP – Gratitude 4:30 Youth 7-12</p>	<p>10 BC/KM –ZOOM – Story & Song 4:30 Parents/ Caregivers & Children 0-6 MP – New Year, New Goals 4:30 Youth 13-24 SN – Just Bead It 5:00 * call to register</p>	<p>11 BC/KM– LA: Winter Outdoor Fun Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13/14 Family Swim Saturday 5-6 pm @ John Rhodes</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 BC/KM –Zoom– I Spy Shapes 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 SN – Teaching: Moon Time 5:00 Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12 MP – Personal Wellness 4:30 Youth 7-12</p>	<p>17 BC/KM –Zoom– Story & Song 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 SN – Just Bead It 5:00 * call to register MP—Decluttering & Organizing 4:30 Youth 13-24</p>	<p>18 BC/KM –LA: Make Snow- flakes 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20/21 Family Swim Saturday 5-6 pm @ John Rhodes</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23 BC/KM –Zoom– I Spy Shapes 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 SN – Teaching: Bear Medicine 5:00 Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12 MP – Communication (In Person) 4:30 Youth 7-12</p>	<p>24 BC/KM –Zoom– Story & Song 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 SN – ZOOM: Family Culture Night 5:00 Parents/ Caregivers of Children 0-12 MP—Healthy Habits 4:30 Youth 13-24</p>	<p>25 BC/KM –LA: Scavenger Hunt 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27/28 Family Swim Saturday 5-6 pm @ John Rhodes</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 BC/KM –Zoom– I Spy Shapes 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 MG—Consent & Our Children 5:00 Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12 MP – Kitchen Safety 4:30 Youth 7-12</p>	<p>31 BC/KM –Zoom– Story & Song 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 MP—Cultural Feasts (In Person) 5:00 Youth 13-24</p>			



Men's Night


LEAD BY TERRY WILLISTON

Thurs
6-8pm
JAN 18



AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL MEN'S TEACHINGS, CONCLUDING WITH A WARM MEAL

Join us at Dan Pine Healing Lodge, where the spirit of learning and connection comes alive!



TO SIGN UP OR FIND OUT MORE:
Call 705-946-5710 ext. 228
or email dphinfo@grhc.ca



Drum Night

Tues
6:30-9pm
JAN 16 2023
JAN 30 2023




Drumming & singing lead & taught by experienced singers

LEARN TO DRUM, LEARN SONGS AND HOW TO SING FROM EXPERIENCED SINGERS

COME SOCIALIZE AND HAVE FUN

200 Anishawbe Point Rd.
Call 705-946-5710 ext. 228
or email dphinfo@grhc.ca

Thurs
5:30-8pm
SUPPER PROVIDED
JAN 11 - NEW BEGINNINGS
JAN 25 - SHAME & ANGER



Beauty From Ashes

AFTERCARE WELLNESS CIRCLE

This program is for past participants of the Beauty From Ashes Program

NOW HAPPENING TWO TIMES A MONTH IN PERSON AT THE DAN PINE HEALING LODGE
ZOOM LINK CAN BE PROVIDED IF NEEDED

200 Anishawbe Point Rd.
Contact 705-946-5710 ext. 228
or email dphinfo@grhc.ca to register

TRADITIONAL HEALTH HEALER



Willard Pine

Tuesday
JAN 9, 16, 23, 30

By Appointment Only

200 Anishawbe Point Rd., Garden River, On

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT
Call 705-946-5710 ext. 228
or email dphinfo@grhc.ca

TRADITIONAL HEALTH HEALER



Patricia Toulouse

Wed
JANUARY 24

By Appointment Only

200 Anishawbe Point Rd., Garden River, On

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT
Call 705-946-5710 ext. 228
or email dphinfo@grhc.ca

TRADITIONAL HEALTH HEALER



Gerrard Sagassige

Thurs Jan 11
Fri Jan 12
Sat Jan 20
Sun Jan 21

By Appointment Only

200 Anishawbe Point Rd., Garden River, On

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT
Call 705-946-5710 ext. 228
or email dphinfo@grhc.ca

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A WELLNESS CIRCLE DEDICATED TO GRIEF SUPPORT

Lead by Laurie Souliere


WEDNESDAY
5:30 - 8:00
SUPPER PROVIDED

Jan 17 - Caring for our talking sticks
Jan 31 - Our Individual Journeys Ahead

FEATURES:
Variety of topics • Guest Speakers • Cultural Teachings • Therapeutic exercises • Creative arts • Mindful practices & More

200 Anishawbe Point Rd.
Contact 705-946-5710 ext. 228
or email dphinfo@grhc.ca to register

PRE-REGISTER FOR SUPPER




Women's Night Drum Circle

Wed
6pm-8pm
JAN 10 2024




Drumming & singing lead & taught by experienced singers

LEARN TO DRUM, LEARN SONGS AND HOW TO SING FROM EXPERIENCED SINGERS

COME SOCIALIZE AND HAVE FUN

200 Anishawbe Point Rd.
Call 705-946-5710 ext. 228
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TRADITIONAL SKILL BUILDING

Nanda-Gikendan


Mondays
6-8pm
JAN 15
JAN 22
JAN 29

LEARN TRADITIONAL SKILLS
CONNECT WITH OTHERS
SHARE YOUR WISDOM

Join us at Dan Pine Healing Lodge, where the spirit of learning and connection comes alive!

Whether you are an expert or beginner, immerse yourself in hands-on workshops where you'll make master skills like beading, sewing, weaving & many more!

TO SIGN UP OR FIND OUT MORE:
Call 705-946-5710 ext. 228
or email dphinfo@grhc.ca





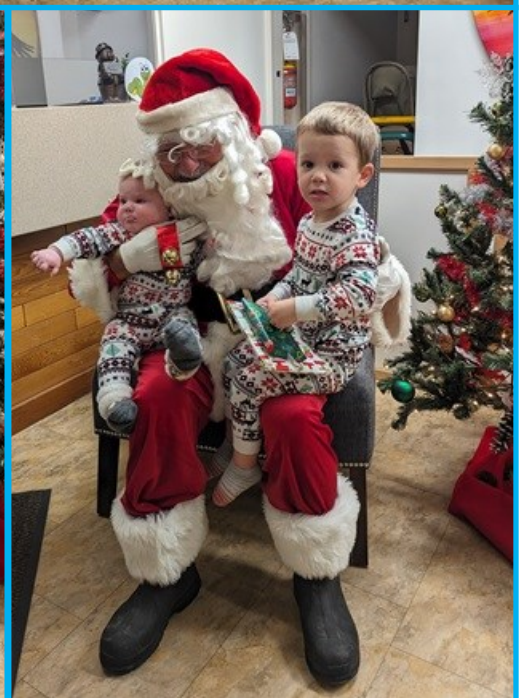
A big Chii Miigwech to the Anishnabek Police and Staff who come over to the Garden River Child Care Centre to make pancakes for the children and staff! This event was a huge success and greatly appreciated by all!!

Santa came to visit at the Child Care Centre just before the holidays. Each child got a book and a snack to take home for Christmas. Thank you to all the parents, community members and staff that helped to make this day a very special day for all the children!

Sara McCabe, GRCCC Manager

Look who cooked
**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**
Miigwech!
Anishnabek Police and Staff







JANUARY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Online SUNDAYS	1 CLOSED <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	3 FREE STRIP DAY MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	4 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	5 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	6 FREE STRIP DAY MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN
7 \$2000.00 Olive Jackpots MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	8 CLOSED FOR TRAINING MAIN (ONLINE) SESSION ONLY	9 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	10 Double Points FREE STRIP DAY MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	11 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	12 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	13 FREE STRIP DAY MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN
14 \$2000.00 Olive Jackpots MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	15 CLOSED FOR TRAINING MAIN (ONLINE) SESSION ONLY	16 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	17 FREE STRIP DAY MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	18 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	19 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	20 Double Points FREE STRIP DAY MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN
21 \$2000.00 Olive Jackpots MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	22 CLOSED FOR TRAINING MAIN (ONLINE) SESSION ONLY	23 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	24 FREE STRIP DAY MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	25 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	26 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	27 FREE STRIP DAY MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN
28 \$2000.00 Olive Jackpots MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	29 CLOSED FOR TRAINING MAIN (ONLINE) SESSION ONLY	30 MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	31 FREE STRIP DAY <i>3x \$1000 @ 12:45pm</i> <i>2x \$1000 @ 6:30pm</i> MATINEE, PAY AS YOU PLAY & MAIN	HARDLUCK PROMOTION SATURDAY'S 12:45PM		FREE STRIP DAY SATURDAY IN HALL ONLY

BINGO HOTLINE (705) 253-8718 PRESS #1

JANUARY 2024

MONDAYS' IN JANUARY, WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

ONLINE BINGO ONLY FOR THE 6:30 PM SESSION



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JANUARY PROMOTION

12:45PM ONLY EVERY SATURDAY

BINGO ON THE HARDLUCK NUMBER ON THE LAST MINI AND PICK AN ENVELOPE FOR A CHANCE AT A BINGO PRIZE

MUST BINGO BY YOURSELF AND YOU MUST BE A MEMBER WITH YOUR PLAYER'S CARD

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January SPECIAL



OLIVE JACKPOTS

\$2000.00

FULL CARD \$2.00 each

January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, 2024

GOOD LUCK

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JANUARY MINI MONSTER



JANUARY 31ST

12:45PM - 3 X \$1000

6:30PM - 4 X \$1000

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JANUARY PROMOTION IN HALL ONLY BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



FREE STRIP SATURDAY CONTINUES

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COMMUNITY TRUST

"Strength from the Past, Integrity of the Present, Respect for the Future"
Ph: 705-206-7525
Email: grfntrust@gmail.com

c/o 6 Shingwauk Street
Garden River, ON P6A 7B2

"1994 – 2023: Celebrating Community Engagement:
Garden River Membership Approved – Trust Funded!"

NOTICE OF VACANCIES & PRIORITY LIST -- OPEN UNTIL FILLED

1. Are you:
 - A) trustworthy and honest?
 - B) over the age of 30 years on commencement of term as Trustee?
2. Can you make:
 - C) time commitment of a minimum of 5 hours per month?
 - E) sound judgments?
3. Would you:
 - F) help others in your role as a Trustee?
 - G) maintain loyalty to the Trustees, AND higher loyalty to the Garden River Band members/beneficiaries, both present and future generations?

If you have answered YES to all of the above, you are invited to submit your resume and cover letter to the address below. Interviews will be scheduled for those applicants who meet the qualifications*. Successful candidates who meet these qualifications may serve as a Trustee whose purpose is:

"...the Trustees...will manage the Trust Property in a wise and prudent manner, and that the management of the Trust Property may include...investing and expending the Trust Property in ways that are to the greatest benefit to the people of GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION, both those alive at the time this Trust Agreement is made and the future generations."

Send resume, cover letter to: Alanna Jones, Trust Manager
Garden River First Nation Community Trust
c/o 6 Shingwauk Street
Garden River, ON P6A 7B2
Email: grfntrust@gmail.com

***NOTES:** Meeting criteria s.6.6 of Trust Agreement; and interview process (average 50%+1 interview score); appointments to serve as Garden River Trustee are conditional upon submission:

- a. clear Criminal Reference Check
- b. clear/negative bankruptcy/credit check
- c. signed Code of Conduct
- d. three (3) forms as required corporate trustee

For more information, please call Alanna at (705) 206-7525, or email grfntrust@gmail.com.
Posted June 23, 2023



Public Works



The GRFN Transfer Station
located at 216 Noonday Drive is
OPEN

TUESDAY, 9 am—5 pm

WEDNESDAY, 9 am—5 pm

THURSDAY, 9 am—5 pm

FRIDAY, 9 am—5 pm

SATURDAY, 9 am—5 pm

**CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAYS &
CLOSED FOR LUNCH
EACH DAY (12-1)**

December 18, 2023

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Friendly reminder to all Community members from the Public Works Dept regarding garbage collection.

The garbage collection schedule is:

Monday – Garden East

Tuesday – Garden West

Each household is allotted **2-3 bags of garbage per week** to be picked up at the end of their driveway. It is your responsibility as a homeowner that any significant amount of garbage (4 bags or over) be brought directly to the Transfer Station.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

Public Works Dept



LIVE SESSION

JOIN YOUR JUSTICE WORKER &
JUSTICE COMMITTEE ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24TH AT
GRFN COMMUNITY CENTER
6:00-8:00.

WHAT IS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE?



LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!
DINNER & INCENTIVES.

JUSTICE WORKER
ROBYN HACHE
(705)946-6300 EXT.244
RHACHE@GARDENRIVER.ORG

NEW PROGRAM ALERT

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRESENTS

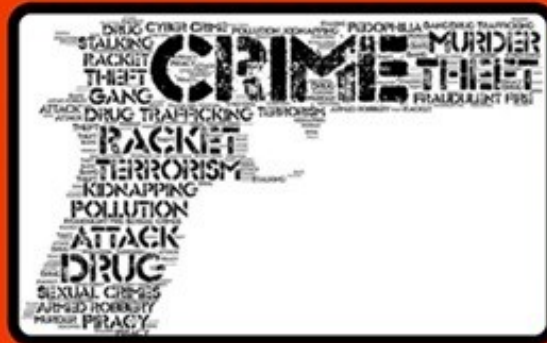
ANTI-GUN & GANG PREVENTION AWARENESS PROGRAM

IN GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION

216
youth gangs
in Ontario

21%
of these
gangs are
Indigenous
youth

48%
of gang
members
are under
the age of
18



Feeling peer pressured? Unsure of where you belong? Struggling to fit in? Wanting to make a change? Join your Restorative Justice Worker & Team in raising awareness, and building leadership for the youth!



**WE CAN'T WAIT TO WORK
WITH YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!**

Dial *677
or
1-888-310-1122

For non urgent matters

IF YOU SEE IT REPORT IT

1-888-310-1122
1-800-222-TIPS(8477)

"Our communities are suffering at the hands of outsiders taking advantage of our people. We are plagued by drugs, gangs, shootings, overdoses, and violence. Let's not forget that these same people are responsible for taking away young women from our communities for human trafficking. These people prey on us because we have been silenced by our own fears. Police need actionable information.

If you see it, report it.
You will remain anonymous, but your information will not go unheard."

What is actionable information?

DO

- Call a dispatcher
- Alert Crime Stoppers
- File a police report
- Provide first hand info

DON'T

- Call the Band Office
- Tell info for a friend
- Wait too long to call
- Post on social media

January 2024

Great Spirit Moon

Gichi Manidoo giizis

Please call **1-888-310-1122** when you need to make a report with your local APS detachment.

Our offices are not staffed 24/7. Officers are on the road and unable to check voice messages.

When you call the dispatcher they will automatically create an occurrence report and it will be given to an APS officer.

Remember that dispatchers are not from the community and will ask you questions, please be patient as it is their job, and it is for everyone's safety.

Miigwetch for your understanding.

February 2024 Newsletter
Submission Deadline:
Friday, January 26, 2024.

GRFN Community Newsletter Contact Information

Irene M. Gray, Resource Centre Coordinator
GR Education/Recreation Centre 48 Syrette Lake Road, G.R., ON P6A 7A1
Phone: 705-946-3933 Ext 210, Fax: 705-946-0413
Email: irene.gray@gardenriver.ca Website: <https://urlis.net/xvdb0>



Colour Me!

Drop off at the GRFN Public Library

Name
Age
Phone

