



Wahnapiitae First Nation



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

May 2024 • Nimebine Giizis Sucker Moon



Chief & Council

REGULAR MEETING • MAY 2024



TUESDAY, MAY 28 6:00 PM

📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG & VIA ZOOM

Members wishing to attend via Zoom can find the link to register at

 **wahnapiataefirstnation.com/members-login**

- The deadline to register for the web version of this meeting is **Tuesday, May 21**.
- Registration is only open to WFN members who are over 18.
Virtual attendees must use their legal name when joining the meeting.
- Once registered, prior to meeting, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the Zoom Meeting.



SCAN HERE
TO OPEN LINK





RHT Annuities Settlement Off-Reserve Member Conversations

Wednesday, May 8

📍 58 Charles St, Killarney 🕒 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Thursday, May 9

📍 110 Indiana Ave, Blind River 🕒 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

* IN PERSON & FOR REGISTERED MEMBERS ONLY (bring valid status card for entry)
Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Soup's On!



TUESDAYS
MAY 14, 21 & 28

ORDER BY 11:00 AM • PICK-UP 12:00 PM
📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG 📞 (705) 858-7700

Please contact Heather for more information:
📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-7700



CONGREGATE DINING

ELDERS 55+

UPDATED

THURSDAY, MAY 9
RSVP BY MONDAY, MAY 6

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
RSVP BY MONDAY, JUNE 3

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 5:00 PM

In person or pick-up only. Seniors are welcome to socialize afterward with a game of cards or chatting.

To RSVP or for more information:
📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com 📞 705-858-7700





Mi'iangan Zaagagan Preserve



PHOTO BY: ROB NELSON

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

WFN is working on protecting Wolf Lake as an Indigenous-led conservation area. But what will that look like?

Come by for an interactive presentation and give us your feedback.

We can't do this work without our community.

THURSDAY, MAY 9
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
MAAN DOOSH GAMIG

DINNER INCLUDED



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

SARA LEHMAN / SARA.LEHMAN@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM
SARAH JANSON / SARAH.JANSON@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM

A message from Wahnapiatae First Nation

As we welcome the vibrant month of May, we embrace a time of renewal and celebration, marked by the blossoming of nature and the warmth of community spirit. This month holds significant occasions that resonate deeply with us all.

The month of May begins with National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls on Sunday, May 5. Also known as Red Dress Day, it is a time for reflection and action to end violence against Indigenous women, girls, 2 spirit, and gender diverse people.

Continuing in the same vein of honouring our women, we also celebrate the nurturing love and unwavering strength of mothers everywhere on Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12. Let us cherish and express gratitude for the invaluable role they play in our lives, shaping our journeys with their boundless care and wisdom.

May also signals the beginning of a more active period in our lives thanks to the warmer weather and the sense of anticipation in the air. While we usher in the freshness of our growing season, I encourage you to participate in as many upcoming events as you can:

1. Off Reserve RHT Annuities Community Conversations in Killarney on May 8 and Blind River on May 9: These gatherings are your opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with your fellow members and Chief and Council.
2. Moose Hide Campaign Day on May 16: Take a stand against violence by participating in this vital campaign. Together, we can create a safer and more compassionate society for all.
3. Water Reconciliation Ceremony in partnership with Ontario Power Generation on May 25: Join Chief Roque and OPG President & CEO Ken Hartwick for a special Water Ceremony and feast in recognition of the ongoing efforts to build an open, honest and working relationship between WFN and OPG.
4. Departmental Reports to Membership on June 8: Your active participation and engagement are crucial as we share insights, updates, and plans for the future of our community. Your input and feedback are invaluable in shaping our community and its future.

As we embrace the beauty and vitality of spring, let us seize these opportunities to come together, uplift one another, and work towards a brighter, more inclusive future.

Miigwetch,

Ojima Larry Roque



For the most up to date community information, notices, events and updates, register or visit us online.

Register for a members account:

 www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com

Sign up for email notices and updates:

 www.tinyurl.com/wfn-email

See what we're up to:

 [@WahnapiataeFirstNation](https://www.facebook.com/WahnapiataeFirstNation)

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Hours of operation:
Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Do you have questions, comments or suggestions?

Please contact Communications Officer, Monica Dorion:

 Monica.Dorion@wahnapiataefn.com  Ext: 250

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Created by Breanne Addison, Communication & Events Assistant

Shelter Fire Making Introduction Teaching for Youth

Saturday, May 11

📍 190 Loonway Road 🕒 9:00 AM

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 7

Transportation and lunch provided.

Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Limited spots available.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

✉ Shining.Turtle@wahnapitaefn.com

☎ (705) 936-6286



Senior Activity kits

MAY DELIVERY

Kit #10 Mini Drum Keychain

Please sign-up by Monday, May 6

Delivery on Thursday, May 16.

*Must be a senior and be signed up to receive an activity kit.

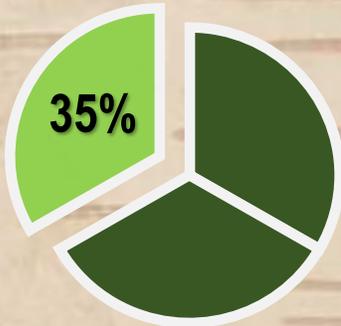
Please contact Heather to sign-up or for more information:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700



Wahnapiatae First Nation LAND CODE

April 18, 2024



WFN's Land Code will replace 44 sections (approx. 35%) of the Indian Act. All the other sections (ie. health, membership, tax exemption, etc.) will still apply.

WHAT IS...

A LAND CODE?

Drafted by the Land Code Development Committee, it will be the basic enabling land law of Wahnapiatae First Nation which includes broad general principles that align with WFN's vision, priorities, culture, customs, and traditions.



AN INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT?

Developed between Wahnapiatae and Canada, it is an agreement between the First Nation and Canada detailing the specifics of the transfer of reserve lands from Canada to Wahnapiatae First Nation's jurisdiction.



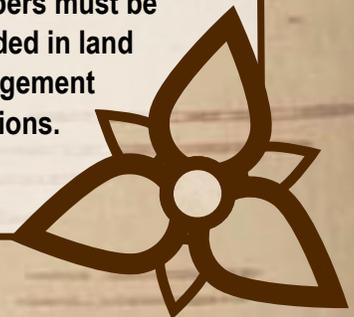
118 First Nations with ratified Land Codes

45 First Nations currently developing Land Codes

47 Other First Nations

Land Code is community driven

Members must be included in land management decisions.



For more information, please contact:
Anthony Laforge, Lands and Resources Director ▪ Office: 705-858-0610 ▪ anthony.laforge@wahnapiataefn.com



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Wahnapiatae First Nation



Exploring the Culinary & Medicinal Wonders of Mushrooms



Under the watchful eye of Land-based Worker Shining Turtle, a group of 20 community members gathered on April 14 for a workshop about the wonders and multifaceted realm of mushrooms. During the workshop, attendees learned about the natural habitats and cultivation methods of select mushrooms, where their dual roles as both nourishing culinary delights and potent medicinal allies were explored.

The session began with an exploration of mushrooms' culinary potential, showcasing dishes such as mushroom soup stock, dried mushroom jerky, and the art of wild foraging. As a result, participants discovered a deeper appreciation for the diverse flavors and textures mushrooms offer.

The workshop then transitioned to the medicinal benefits of mushrooms, focusing on notable varieties such as Lion's Mane, Reishi, Turkey Tail, Cordyceps, and Chaga. Attendees learned about the profound health benefits these fungi have to offer, such as immunity-boosting properties, cognitive enhancement, and inflammation reduction.

Turkey Tail, for example, is known for its cancer-fighting potential, while Reishi is revered for its

immune support and inflammation-reducing prowess. Lion's Mane is celebrated for its ability to nurture brain health and cognitive function, while Cordyceps is lauded for its capacity to enhance energy performance and bolster respiratory health.



Lastly, Chaga is renowned for its anti-inflammatory properties and potential in combating oxidative stress.



The workshop illuminated the rich tapestry of mushrooms, weaving together their culinary versatility and medicinal prowess. Workshop attendees left with newfound knowledge and appreciation, eager to explore the boundless horizons of mushroom magic.

Miigwetch

Shining Turtle,

Sturgeon Clan, Anishinawbek Nation



Celebrating Mom

MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

Paint Social • Tarot Card Readings • Penny Table
• Photo Booth • Crafts • and much more!

Saturday, May 11

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
RSVP by Wednesday, May 8

For more information please contact:

📧 Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com 📞 (705) 920-9106

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-0610



Work on it Wednesdays

Got some unfinished crafts, sewing or beading projects at home?
Come and go as you please for some snacks and social crafting time!

April 24, May 15 & June 12

📍 Family Wellness Centre

🕒 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

For more information:

📧 Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com

📞 705-920-9106



The Future of Information Management Law at WFN



Written by: Taylor Bertrim, Governance Research Specialist

The first step in Wahnapiatae First Nation's journey to information independence is underway!

The community has begun developing its own Information Management Law, which will legally protect your information. This means any future law-making at WFN will have to ensure that you and only you can request access to or make modifications to your data.

Also, as a result of the lingering confusion in the courts about whether Canada's Access to Information Act applies to First Nations, WFN's law will tackle this question head-on. It will give present, and future, generations of members the ability to access WFN records with clear processes and protections.

This law will also create a way for WFN to begin archiving its own history and tracing the path taken by its own people.

Engagement sessions on this law are coming this summer!

Accessing information:

- o Who can have it? Why is it collected? Who will see it?

Protection of privacy:

- o What measures will protect anyone but you from accessing your own information?

Registry of all Council decisions, policies, and laws:

- o What information is available to the public?

Archiving:

- o Should WFN handle archiving internally, or should archiving be delegated to third parties?

Feel strongly about this?

Join the Governance Department at one of the many engagement sessions at WFN or online this summer to voice your opinions and learn more about the developing Information Management Law. Your input is invaluable to us!

For more information please contact Taylor Bertrim, Governance Research Specialist.

 Taylor.Bertrim@wahnapiataefn.com

 (705) 858-0610 Ext. 254



CRMF Hockey Pool

Winners

March 30, 2024

Montreal Canadiens VS. Carolina Hurricanes
Congratulations, Jerry Breckinridge!

April 13, 2024

Toronto Maple Leafs VS. Detroit Red Wings
Congratulations, Eva Leech!
Chii Miigwetch Eva, who has donated winnings back to the CRMF.

April 27, 2024

Boston Bruins VS. Toronto Maple Leafs
Congratulations, Tammy Chevette!

Please contact Marilyn to buy tickets or for more information:

 Marilyn.Nicholls@wahnapitaefn.com  (705) 858-0610 Ext. 209

Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG

MAY 8 🕒 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Hepatitis Infosession & Birdhouse Making • RSVP by May 6

MAY 15 🕒 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Diabetes Infosession & Diabetes Bingo • RSVP by May 13

MAY 22 🕒 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Huntington's Disease Infosession & Planter Pots • RSVP by May 20

MAY 29 🕒 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sexual Violence Infosession - Clarifying Consent • RSVP by May 27

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com  (705) 858-7700





RSVP by Thursday, May 9
Pick-up day: Wednesday, May 15
Bring your bags to Maan Doosh Gamig from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Please contact Rochelle or Line to RSVP or for more information:
 📧 Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapitaefn.com 📧 Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com
 ☎️ (705) 858-7700



GOOD FOOD BOX

MAY
 ORDER BY THURSDAY, MAY 2
 PICK-UP ON THURSDAY, MAY 9

JUNE
 ORDER BY THURSDAY, JUNE 6
 PICK-UP ON THURSDAY, JUNE 13

SMALL BOX \$10 LARGE BOX \$21

To order or for more information:
 📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
 ☎️ (705) 858-7700



Healthy Snacks BLUE BIN PROGRAM

May
 BIN RETURN BY: MONDAY, MAY 6
 PICK-UP: TUESDAY, MAY 7

June
 BIN RETURN BY: MONDAY, JUNE 3
 PICK-UP: TUESDAY, JUNE 4

July
 BIN RETURN BY: MONDAY, JULY 8
 PICK-UP: TUESDAY, JULY 9

📍 FAMILY WELLNESS CENTRE (178 LOONWAY ROAD)
 ⌚ 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM



Please contact Natalie to RSVP or for more information:
 📧 Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com
 ☎️ (705) 858-7700



Nutrition BINGO

Wednesday, May 15

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Dinner and refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700



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Introduction Teaching for Youth

Saturday, May 18

📍 190 Loonway Road ⌚ 9:00 AM

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 14

Lunch provided, please dress appropriately for the weather.

Limited spots available.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

✉ Shining.Turtle@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 936-6286





MOOSE HIDE
CAMPAIGN
CAMPAGNE
MOOSE HIDE



TAKE ACTION TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

MAY 16, 2024 AGENDA OF EVENTS **MDG**

- 6:00 AM Sunrise Ceremony & Start of Fasting
- 9:00 -10:30 AM Opening Remarks & Introduction
- 11:00 AM Awareness Walk
- 12: 00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Sharing Circle
- 2:00 – 5:00 PM Crafting with Culture
- 5:00 PM Community Feast (Fast Breaking)
- 5: 30 PM Closing Drum – TBD

For more information please contact Heather Roy, Community Wellness Coordinator:

Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com 705-858-7700



MOOSEHIDECAMPAIGN.CA



May 2024

After School & Youth Leadership Program

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER, OR UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE IF CHILDCARE IS REQUIRED



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ASP Cultural Crafts & Teachings with Tammy!	2	3	4
5	6 ASP Play-Based Garden 	7 YLP "World of Wonders" Exotic Candy tasting and Trivia	8 ASP Mothers Day Crafts 	9	10	11
12 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY	13 ASP Scavenger Hunt & Nature Walk 	14 YLP Youth Led Event Planning and Taco Night!	15 ASP Cultural Crafts & Teachings with Tammy!	16	17	18
19	20 VICTORIA DAY NO PROGRAM	21 YLP Lazer Tag @ KUPP Centre & Dinner TBD	22 ASP Master Chef Junior Baking! 	23	24	25
26	27 ASP Mini Putt @ KUPP Centre & Dinner 	28 YLP Youth Family Game Night Prizes to be Won! 	29 ASP Physical Literacy Outdoor Activities 	30	31	



Teen Talk

Games and fun with snacks and refreshments!

Friday, May 24

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

RSVP by Wednesday, May 22

To RSVP or for more informaton:

✉️ Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaeFN.com

☎️ (705) 858-7700

MASSAGES • HEALING ENERGY WORK • MEDICINAL FOOT SOAKS • MAKING SHAKERS CRAFT



Elders

MINI SPA DAY

TRIP TO WASAUKSING FIRST NATION

THURSDAY, MAY 30

BUS DEPARTING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE 🕒 7:00 AM

ALL MEALS PROVIDED. LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE. RSVP BY MONDAY, MAY 20.

Please contact Line Baillargeon to RSVP or for more information:

✉️ Line.Baillargeon@wahnapiitaeFN.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610

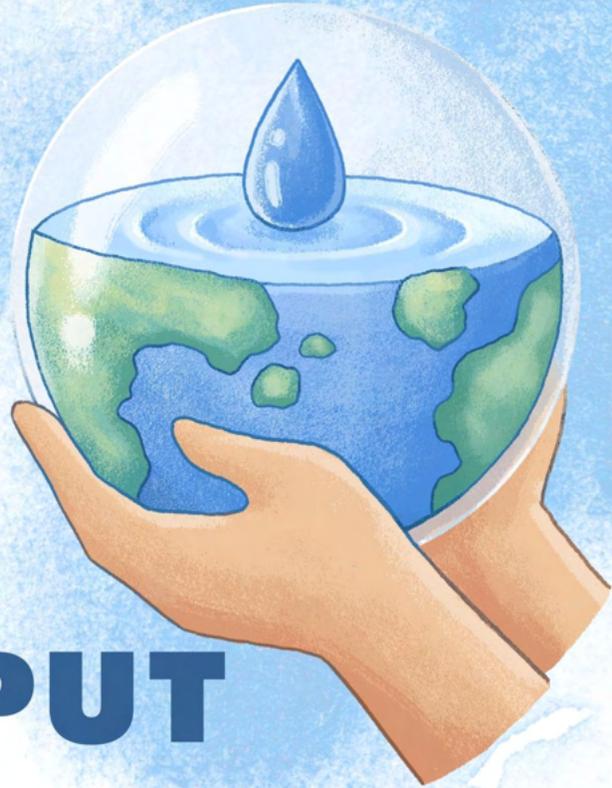




LANDS AND
RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY-BASED CLIMATE CHANGE MONITORING

WE NEED YOUR INPUT



Funding from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) through the Indigenous Community-Based Climate Monitoring (ICBCM) Program will be used to develop a climate change monitoring program. WFNs Lands and Resources Department will regularly monitor environmental indicators in the community, helping to identify, address, and better prepare for climate change impacts.

Scan the QR code to access the questionnaire and interactive map. Participants will be entered into a draw for one of TWO \$50 gift cards.*

Deadline to complete

03 June 2024

(Midnight)

We need community members to help us determine:

- Climate Change Concerns
- Environmental Monitoring Priorities
- Areas of Concern or Interest



Let's work together to secure a better future and guarantee clean water for all. For more information, please contact:
adrianna.chiblow@wahnapietaefn.com

*Registered Wahnapitae First Nation members only

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THE IN-HOME FOOD WASTE DIVERSION SOLUTION

Join your First Nation in tackling food waste by piloting FoodCycler™ technology in your home. Support your First Nation by testing this innovative technology!



Why should I participate?

Did you know that up to 50% of household waste is composed of food waste? By helping your First Nation address food waste, you are supporting your community's environmental initiatives, while reducing your carbon footprint.

What is required of me?

Not much! Pick up your FoodCycler™ from your First Nation, turn your food waste into a nutrient rich soil amendment, track your use once a week for a period of 12 weeks, and then answer a brief exit survey.

Pilot Project Timeline

JULY- SEPTEMBER 2024 (12 WEEKS)



PICK UP YOUR UNIT

Take home your new FoodCycler™ Eco 5.



PILOT DURATION

Divert your food waste using the FoodCycler™ for a period of 12 weeks. Track the amount of waste you divert with a tracking sheet (to be provided to you by the First Nation).



PILOT END

Fill out a closing survey (to be provided by the First Nation) about your experience using the FoodCycler™.

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<https://tinyurl.com/FCWahnapitae>



Join Today!

TO LEARN MORE:

Sara Lehman | sara.lehman@wahnapitaeFN.com



Gather • Laugh • Sing • Learn

Drumming Circle

Wednesday, May 8 & 22

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Traditional drumming and songs. Light dinner and refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:

✉️ Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com 📞 (705) 920-9488

Full Moon *Ceremony*

Sunday, May 26

📍 FIRE KEEPERS LODGE - JIINGTAMOK GROUNDS 🕒 4:00 PM

POTLUCK DINNER

Please contact Cultural Coordinator Tammy Chevrette for more information:

✉️ Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com 📞 (705) 920-9488



Post Majority Prevention Services at WFN

Aanii. Boozhoo.

My name is Jesse Cloutier and I am from Michipicoten First Nation. I am a dedicated and enthusiastic professional with a passion for supporting youth. With my background in land-based treatment programming and supporting youth with martial arts, I bring a unique blend of skills and expertise to the table. I recently graduated from the Indigenous Social Work program at Laurentian University. I thrive in dynamic environments that challenge me to think creatively and problem-solve efficiently. I am committed to continuous learning and growth, always seeking opportunities to expand my knowledge and skills.

But what is a Post Majority Prevention Services Worker (PMPSW)?

This role will assist youth aging out of care and young adults formerly in care across all provinces and in the Yukon, from the age of majority (18 in Ontario) up to and including the age of 25.

Post-majority support services aim to support the safety and well-being of First Nations youth and young adults in a way that is:

- culturally appropriate
- in their self-identified best interest
- provided on the basis of substantive equality

The goal of post-majority support services is to provide wrap-around support that meets the distinct needs of First Nations youth and young adults and promotes and supports holistic positive outcomes for thriving youth and young adults.

Supports could include help with:

- housing
- food
- employment and financial security
- mental health, wellness, & addiction supports
- healthy relationships

As Wahnapiatae First Nation's Post Majority Prevention Services Worker (PMPSW), there are a few objectives for my work, including but not limited to:

1. Providing support and guidance to young adults who have transitioned into adulthood to help them navigate challenges they may face.
2. Offering counseling, education, and resources to prevent issues such as substance abuse, mental health crises, and involvement in criminal activities.
3. Facilitating access to culturally appropriate services and programs that promote well-being and resilience among young adults.
4. Collaborating with community leaders, elders, and other professionals to address systemic issues that impact the well-being of young adults in the community

To achieve these and other objectives, I have started preparing a service plan that will focus on the following:

- Building and nurturing relationships with WFN's youth through community engagement and active communication;
- Supporting post majority youths' wellbeing to ensure lifelong success; and
- Providing counseling, life skills, and resources to prevent issues such as substance abuse, mental health crises, and involvement in criminal activities.

Are you, or do you think you are, a Post Majority youth? Contact me at: Jesse.Clouthier@wahnapiataefn.com or 705-858-0610 to schedule a time to chat. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and getting to know Wahnapiatae First Nation!

Social Services INTRO BBQ

Monday, May 27

📍 Family Wellness Centre (178 Loonway Rd)

🕒 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Stop in for dinner and meet Jesse, WFN's new Post Majority Worker, Natalie the new Family Wellbeing Worker and the rest of the Social Services team.



Traditional Bear Fat Rendering

WITH PERRY MCLEOD-SHABOGESIC & SHINING TURTLE

Saturday, May 18

Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Lunch provided, please dress for the weather.

For more information please contact:

📧 Line.Baillargeon@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610

📧 Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 920-9106





Congratulations!
Ophelia Roque
Winner of the
Anishinabek Art Contest!

Ophelia is ONE of TWO winners within the northern Ontario region of grades K-12!

The artwork of both winners will be showcased at Anishinabek Nation Labour Market Development Events, as well as on four conference folders for the Anishinabek Nation.

What does anishinabek culture and early learning look like to you?

 **2024**
Department Reports to Membership
Saturday, June 8
📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 8:00 AM
Lunch and refreshments provided. For registered band members only.



Sleep Tips for Youngsters with Mama Coach

Thursday, June 13

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🌐 Zoom

🕒 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Lunch provided. Limited seats available.
Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 10.

✉️ Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com ☎️ 705-920-9106

Register for Zoom meeting at www.wahnapitaefirstnation.com/notices/events/sleeptips



BOATING LICENCE COURSE



FRIDAY, JUNE 14

📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG 🕒 4:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 1. Event requires 25 participants to run.
Dinner provided. Participants must be 12+ years old.



For registered members only. To RSVP and for more information:

✉️ Marilyn.Nicholls@wahnapitaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610

Wahnapiatae's Birch Syrup; Natures Gift

On April 7th, over 30 community members of Wahnapiatae came together for a day of celebration, honoring their land-based traditions and strengthening the bonds of family and community. As the sun's gentle rays kissed the land, the community members gathered at the Niijaansinaak Arbour, nestled across from the pow-wow grounds, ready to embark on a journey of learning and sharing.

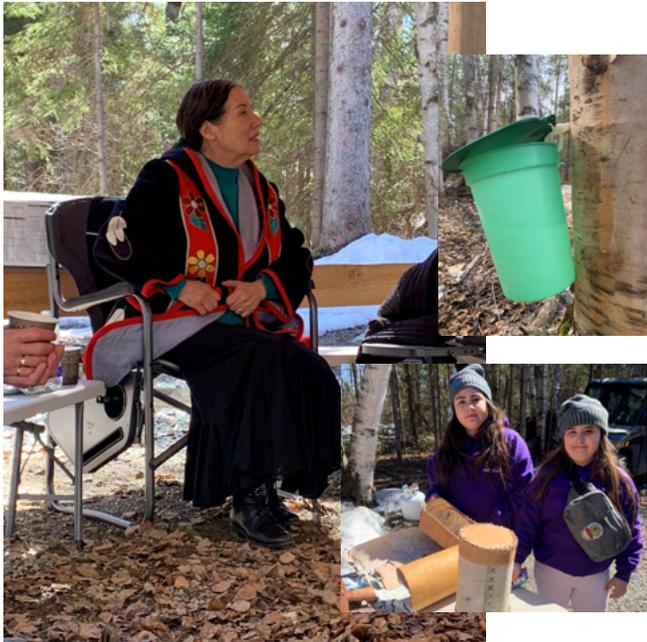
The day began with a welcome ceremony led by Elder Tyson, a venerable guardian of our Anishinaabe heritage. With reverence, he welcomed everyone with open arms, setting the tone for a day infused with thankfulness and respect for the land that sustains all of us. Wiigwaas Kew (Joan), her presence a testament to the sacredness of water, bestowed upon them a solemn water ceremony, connecting us to the life-giving essence flowing through their veins.

As the community members stood together, enveloped in the warmth of family and the vibrant hues of purple sweaters gifted to each participant, they embarked on a journey of learning and sharing. They spent the day together, sharing stories, laughter, and love, as they learned about their culture and traditions.



Mid-morning brought forth the wisdom of Birch Sap teachings, as Vinny Roques generously shared the ancient and new techniques of tapping birch trees for sap. With rapt attention, attendees listened as Jessica and Shining Turtle imparted teachings on the significance of birch bark on our culture, reminding us of its role as a symbol of resilience and renewal. Meanwhile, Tammy's skillful hands guided our young audience in crafting, weaving together threads of creativity and tradition, as they each fashioned tokens of their connection to the land.

As the sun climbed higher in the sky, the air was filled with the sweet aroma of the arrival of spring in the arbor, a sight to behold for young and old alike.



With eager anticipation, they gathered around to see the transformation, marveling at nature's alchemy as sap started to run from the Birch Trees right before their eyes. And oh, the taste! Freshly collected birch sap, a nectar of the gods, danced upon their tongues, a reminder of the bountiful gifts bestowed upon us by Mother Earth.

With appetites whetted and spirits lifted, they gathered for a midday feast fitting for this day. Molly, with her loving hands and generous heart, treated everyone to a pancake brunch of unparalleled delight. Amidst laughter and shared stories, everyone savored each mouthful, nourishing both body and soul.

As the afternoon sun cast its golden glow upon us, Elder Esther Osche graced the group with the gift of storytelling, weaving two Anishinaabe tales that transported the entire audience across time and space. With every word, she wove a tapestry of connection, binding us together in the timeless embrace of our shared Anishinaabe heritage.

And so, as the day drew to a close, we gathered once more for a closing ceremony, a moment of reflection and deep appreciation. Each participant shared their own unique experience, a mosaic of memories woven from the threads of laughter, learning, and love. They felt connected and rooted in their land and culture, as well as with their family and community.

Working together, we were able to achieve something truly remarkable, and I am incredibly proud to have been a part of this team. Vinny, Natalie, Tammy, Nancy, Cinnamon, and all of our team members - Miigwetch for your unwavering commitment and passion. Your efforts have made a lasting impact, and I am honored to work alongside each of you. I look forward to more successful collaborations in the future!



We bid farewell to another day well spent, our hearts full, and our spirits uplifted, strengthened by the bonds that sustain us through the seasons.

Miigwetch Wiigwaasaatik,

Shining Turtle,

Sturgeon Clan, Anishinawbek Nation



Mukooohns Park



DEDICATION & OPENING | SUNDAY, JUNE 23

📍 26 Bear's Den Road ⌚ 3:00 PM

Please join us for a park dedication ceremony and BBQ,
hosted by the Social Services Department.



Land Code Infosession

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG ⌚ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Please RSVP by Monday, June 10. For registered Wahnapitae First Nation members only.

Contact Anthony Laforge to RSVP or for more information:

✉️ Anthony.Laforge@wahnapitaeFN.com 📞 (705) 858-0610

Ozhaawashk-Giizhig Mashkiki Trail

Official Opening

Get some fresh air!

Come out to the Ozhaawashk-Giizhig Mashkiki (Blue Sky Medicine) Trail Official Opening. Stop by between noon and 3 PM for your chance to win some prizes! Take a leisurely walk, play some games, and enjoy a BBQ.

Rides from the Centre of Excellence available upon request.

QUESTIONS?

Sarah Janson

 sarah.janson@wahnapietaefn.com

Saturday, June 15
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Shiqan Rd

Across from the sweat lodge



Join us for:

BBQ

Games

Prizes

Craft Market



**NEW DATE
SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

**MORE BOOTHS ADDED DUE TO HIGH INTEREST
PLEASE REGISTER BY THURSDAY, MAY 16**

\$50 PER BOOTH

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CHRISTOPHER ROQUE MEMORIAL FUND

Please contact Heather Roy to RSVP or for more information:



Heather.Roy@wahnapi'taefn.com



(705) 858-7700

NOTICE: COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER DELIVERY DISCONTINUED

This notice is to inform that the deliveries on-reserve of the monthly community newsletter will be discontinued after May.

Copies of the monthly newsletter may be picked up at:

- Centre of Excellence
- Family Wellness Centre
- NRHC Primary Care Clinic
- Cedar Wolf Fuels

To receive an emailed digital newsletter monthly please register for email alerts at:

www.tinyurl.com/wfn-email

**To view all current and previous newsletters please visit:
www.wahnapitaeFirstNation.com/notices/community-newsletter**



OFFICES CLOSED

VICTORIA DAY • MONDAY, MAY 20

NOTICE: COMMUNITY VANDALISM

Vandalism in the community is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

The deliberate destruction, defacing, or damage of equipment, buildings, and amenities can result in criminal charges and/or financial penalties.

Future acts of vandalism within the community will result in the involvement of APS.

Parents and guardians, please speak with your children about the seriousness of these acts and their consequences, including the impact the defacement and destruction has on the entire community.



Cultural Advisory Committee **Call for Volunteers**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be a YOUTH OR ADULT member of Wahnapi'tae First Nation
2. Must be able to attend all committee meetings
3. Must be able to work in a team environment

To volunteer or for more information please contact:

 Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapi'taefn.com  (705) 920-9488

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE

SUNDAY, MAY 5 ⌚ 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM



Hydro One requires an outage to safely reconfigure two transmission lines between two transmission stations. All impacted customers will be notified. The power outage is required on Sunday May 5, 2024, from 08:00 to 16:00 (8 hours).

Below are some tips to help individuals and families during an outage:

- Make sure your appliances, such as the stove, are in the off position.
- Make sure your cellphone and extended battery packs are fully charged.
- Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Use a cooler with ice for items you'll need during the outage.
- If your water services will be affected, consider filling jugs of water to use for drinking and cooking.
- If you plan to use a generator, remember to use it in a dry area outdoors away from any open windows, doors and vents. Visit the Electrical Safety Authority at esasafe.com for more tips.
- If your water services will be affected and you have a bathtub, consider filling it with water before the outage begins. You can use the water and a bucket to fill your toilet tank to be able to flush.

Visit www.hydroone.com for more information.

PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING RELOCATION NOTICE OF RELOCATION PROPOSAL COMMENT PERIOD THURSDAY, MAY 2 - FRIDAY, MAY 31

Upon re-evaluation of our community's long-term infrastructure and development needs, Lot 159 (behind White Owl Film Studios) has emerged as a superior choice for the new Public Works building for several reasons:

Strategic Location: Offers better accessibility for public works operations and is strategically positioned to serve future expansion areas of the reserve.

Optimized Utilization of Space: The site provides ample space for the proposed building dimensions and future expansions or additions if needed.

Community Impact: This location minimizes disruptions to residential areas while maximizing the efficiency of Public Works services.

TO COMPLETE THE FORM PLEASE VISIT: WWW.WAHNAPITAEFIRSTNATION.COM/MEMBERS-LOGIN

For questions and more information, please contact Leo DeRuiter, Director of Facilities & Infrastructure:

✉ Leo.Deruiter@wahnapitaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610 ext. 252



ServiceOntario

TRAILER SCHEDULE:

WAHNAPIITAE FIRST NATION



MONDAY, MAY 13
MONDAY, JUNE 10

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
259 Taighwenini Trail Rd

Contact: info@niigaaniin.com

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS! NIIGAANIIN



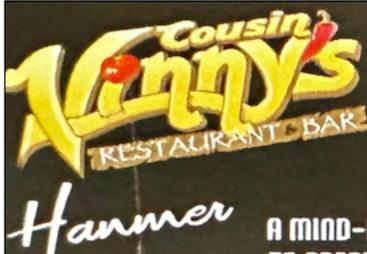
Please bring the following:

- One piece of government ID
- Your expired health card/drivers license



Mobile Service

Renew your health card, drivers license
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at Niigaaniin Services Mobile
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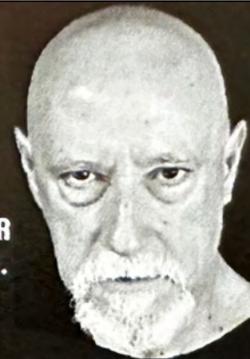
Saturday May 25th, 2024

\$60

Cocktails: 7:00pm - Buffet: 7:30pm - Show: 9:30pm

FEATURING A SPOOF ON THE JERRY SPRINGER SHOW

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To purchase tickets please contact Heather Roy or Betty-Kay Hill:

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaefn.com 📧 Betty-kay.Hill@wahnapiitaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-0610

Proceeds to the Christopher Roque Memorial Fund



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN POLICING?



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SHELLEY INGRASSIA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2024-2025

The Shelley Ingrassia Scholarship is in memory of a dear friend and fellow dog lover, who lost her valiant battle with cancer. Shelley was a member of the Moose Deer Point First Nations with a deep desire to see businesses flourish within her community and provide sustainable employment opportunities for all members. Canine Foundations is proud to honor the memory of this beautiful soul through the Shelley Ingrassia Scholarship.

This scholarship follows Shelley's heart by empowering Indigenous women to pursue their educational goals in the field of dog training. A successful candidate will receive free enrollment to the Canine Foundations' Training Academy through Georgian College.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a member of a First Nation, Métis or Inuit Community.
- Citizen of Canada
- Priority given to students committed to improving economic growth and independence of Indigenous communities.
- The Scholarship is intended for an Indigenous woman, gender diverse, or Two-Spirit person
- The Scholarship is open to individuals the age of 16 years and up.
- Individuals must have their High School diploma or GED equivalent as of 2024
- Individuals should have a desire to work in the Field of Dog Training within their communities.

Application deadline: May 31, 2024. Visit www.wahnapietaefirstnation.com/administration/education for full scholarship application.

CAREER INFO SESSION

Register Now!



NORCAT

1545 MALEY DRIVE

MAY 15, 2024

8 am to 4 pm

(7:00 AM Bus Departs
Centre of Excellence)

Lunch provided with
refreshments

MINING EDUCATION EVENT

Explore a career in mining, milling, smelting
and mining related services
For Wahnapiitae First Nation Members

SPECIAL

LEARNING BENEFITS

- Learn about Glencore's career opportunities
- From testing to interview: what to expect in Glencore's recruitment processes
- Obtain information about Common Core (surface and underground) Presentation from NORCAT
- Gezhtoojig Employment & Training Session
- Bus tour to NORCAT Underground Training Centre at Onaping
- Limited space available. **Register by May 8th, 2024**

GLENCORE



NORCAT



Bring your resume



Join underground tour at NORCAT
Transportation will be provided, departing at 7 am
from WFN Centre of Excellence
(RSVP to Marilyn Nicholls)

**REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AND GET MORE INFORMATION. CONTACT:
MARILYN NICHOLLS - MARILYN.NICHOLLS@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM
PHONE: 705-858-0610, EXT. 209**



Gaagiizom Nibi Zagaswe'iwē Reconciliation Water Ceremony

Please join us for a special ceremony and feast recognizing the shared history of OPG & WFN and honouring the progress made to forge a strong, open, and respectful relationship for the future.

- WFN O'Giimaa Roque & OPG President Ken Hartwick

Saturday, May 25

Nibi Zagaswe'iwē (Water Ceremony)

📍 Jiingtamok Grounds Shoreline 🕒 10:00 AM

Closing Ceremony & Feast

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 11:30 AM

Catered by Hiawatha's Restaurant

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WAHNAPIITAE FIRST NATION

May 2024 • Nimebine Giizis Sucker Moon Community Events Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30 12:00 PM • Soup's ON!	1 10:00 AM • Youth Mental Health Kits Delivery <i>RSVP Deadline Apr 26.</i>	2	3	4
Public Works Building Comment Period Open May 2 - 31 - Visit online Members Portal						
Community Based Climate Change Monitoring Survey Open May 1 - June 3						
5 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM • Scheduled Power Outage	6	7 3:00 PM • Healthy Snacks Bin Pick-Up <i>RSVP/BIN Return May 6.</i>	8 2:00 PM • Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG <i>RSVP Deadline May 6.</i> 6:00 PM • Killarney RHT Member Convo 6:00 PM • MDG Drumming Circle	9 • Good Food Box Deliveries <i>RSVP Deadline May 2.</i> 5:00 PM • Congregate Dining <i>RSVP Deadline May 6.</i> 6:00 PM • Blind River RHT Member Convo	10 6:00 PM • Teen Talk & Games <i>RSVP Deadline Apr 9.</i>	11 9:00 AM • Shelter Fire Making Youth Teaching <i>RSVP Deadline May 7</i> 11:00 AM • Mother's Day Event <i>RSVP Deadline May 8.</i>
Public Works Building Comment Period Open May 2 - 31 - Visit online Members Portal						
Community Based Climate Change Monitoring Survey Open May 1 - June 3						
12	13 10:00 AM • Service Ontario Mobile Visit	14 12:00 PM • Soup's ON!	15 2:00 PM • Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG <i>RSVP Deadline May 13.</i> 5:00 PM • Nutrition Bingo 7:00 AM • Mining Education Event <i>RSVP Deadline May 8.</i>	16 6:00 AM • Moose Hide Campaign Day @ MDG • Senior Activity Kits Delivery <i>RSVP Deadline May 6.</i>	17	18 9:00 AM • Orienteering Youth Teaching <i>RSVP Deadline May 14.</i> 10:00 AM • Traditional Bear Fat Rendering
Public Works Building Comment Period Open May 2 - 31 - Visit online Members Portal						
Community Based Climate Change Monitoring Survey Open May 1 - June 3						
19	20 VICTORIA DAY OFFICES CLOSED	21 12:00 PM • Soup's ON!	22 10:00 AM • Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG <i>RSVP Deadline May 20.</i> 9:00 AM • Work on it Wednesdays 6:00 PM • MDG Drumming Circle	23	24 6:00 PM • Teen Talk & Games <i>RSVP Deadline May 22.</i>	25 10:00 AM • OPG Reconciliation Water Ceremony & Feast 7:30 PM • Cousin Vinny's Hypnotist Dinner & Show
Public Works Building Comment Period Open May 2 - 31 - Visit online Members Portal						
Community Based Climate Change Monitoring Survey Open May 1 - June 3						
26 4:00 PM • Full Moon Ceremony	27 4:30 PM • Social Services Intro BBQ	28 12:00 PM • Soup's ON! 6:00 PM • C & C Regular Meeting <i>WEB RSVP Deadline May 21.</i>	29 1:00 PM • Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG <i>RSVP Deadline May 27.</i> 6:00 PM • Traditional Craft Night <i>RSVP Deadline May 22.</i>	30 10:00 AM • National No Tobacco Day Infessionion <i>RSVP Deadline May 28.</i> 10:00 AM • Elders Mini Spa Day Trip <i>RSVP Deadline May 20.</i>	31	1
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Community Based Climate Change Monitoring Survey Open May 1 - June 3						
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Public Works Building Comment Period Open May 2 - 31 - Visit online Members Portal						
Community Based Climate Change Monitoring Survey Open May 1 - June 3						
Climate Change Survey Closes June 3						

Please visit www.wahnapiitaeirstnation.com for all up-to-date community event information, news and notices.