

Lac Des Mille Lacs First Nation



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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER UPDATES

ELDERS COUNCIL

Our Elders Council had their Orientation dinner/meeting with positive input, suggestions, and ideas resulting from it. Discussions and plans are proceeding based on expressed interest for activities such as: cultural and/or traditional teaching, Ojibway language, regalia, and drum making classes. Watch for announcements in the coming months for some of these programs and classes. Many thanks go out to the members of the Elders Council for their time and commitment to serve and assist the First Nation.

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTRE

With the physical site preparation now completed, work is underway for the foundation to be poured for this exciting venture. The First Nation is requesting anyone with an interest in this project to send in their resume outlining their own experience or their company's letter of interest, and speak to the Band Administrator Quentin Snider. With the understanding that this Centre will be built to Standard Building Code Regulations, relevant qualifications and credentials are required.

FIRST NATION WEBSITE

The website is under construction and will soon be up and running. We anticipate that this communication tool will assist our members in learning more about the First Nation and to be better informed. As communication issues are always an on-going problem for any organization, we hope to address and alleviate any deficiencies via this website. Please speak to Bruce Barber if you have any suggestions or input into what you would like to see on this site.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Please welcome Tom Lebel as our newly hired Project Manager. Tom has extensive experience and background in the construction /building field which will be a tremendous asset in the re-development of our Community on 22A1. Tom has previously worked for major firms such as Honeywell at the national level and Siemens at the international level.

Please welcome Marcia Pedri as our newly hired Health Department staff. Marcia also brings comprehensive skills and experience to this position, having previously worked for Dilico Child & Family Services and TBRHSC- Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

We are excited with the prospects and future possibilities that these two people bring. Congratulations go out to them. The Resort Manager interviews will commence shortly with the successful candidate to be selected.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Due to numerous scheduling conflicts with our planned presenters, we have been unable to secure a time and place for this meeting. After much discussion, it has been decided to go with a different venue. The AGM will be held at the FN's Administration Office @ 690 Mountain Road on Thursday Nov 22nd from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The meeting will be in the form of an OPEN HOUSE where our members can drop in, meet and speak to Staff, Chief and Council, Auditors, and other presenters at their own convenience throughout the day. It is anticipated that our website will be ready so that information and financials can be viewed online and reach many more members, rather than just the approximate 40 people that usually attend this annual meeting in the city of Thunder Bay. Hopefully this will ensure that membership who cannot attend these meetings, now have access to the necessary information so that they can be well-informed for themselves.

CHRISTMAS 2012 GET-TOGETHER FEAST

Our First Nation is pleased to announce that we will be hosting our Annual Christmas Get-Together Feast on **Sunday December 9th, 2012** at the Victoria Inn. This will be our fifth year hosting this event and we anticipate being at full capacity due to the continued positive and delighted responses from our members and their families.

This year, in order to make this event more enjoyable for all, we have made some changes and have decided to distribute gifts to our children, youth, and elders during "**An Afternoon with Santa**" on **Saturday December 8th from 1:00 – 4 p.m.** This casual time will assist our children and families to relax and spend quality time filled with gift-giving, holiday sing-a-long for the kids, and picture taking with Santa. In order to ensure that your child is not disappointed and receives an age-appropriate gift, parents must call ahead and register their child(ren) and be in attendance. Due to budget restrictions, we can only accommodate those registered.

The **Christmas Feast** will be held on **Sunday December 9th from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** This will allow those individuals and/or families who must travel back, more time to do so. This evening will focus on an enjoyable dinner-feast banquet with family and friends, along with carols and seasonal music.

To ensure that this event will be a memorable experience, we will require our attendance numbers as early as possible. The banquet room is limited to a maximum of 350 people, and it is essential that we get as close of a count as we can so that we can effectively plan and prepare for this event. Please call and register with Honey Chicago at the office to confirm your attendance and/or family member's attendance, at your earliest convenience. For those wanting to register via email, please send your confirmation to ldmlfn@tbaytel.net

Note: Our travel budget is limited and in order to accommodate as many travel requests as possible, a maximum travel allowance is set at **\$500.00** for this special event. We request that families continue to travel together, in order to cut down on costs, reduce wear and tear on vehicles, and to ensure safety for winter travel.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

Our Christmas Gift Cards will be mailed out **December 7th – 12th 2012**. In order to help ensure everyone receives their gift card, please call the administration office to update your current contact information or remind any relatives that may have moved, to please do so.

For those who would like to pick up their gift card from the office, please call ahead of time and make arrangements with our Receptionist Honey Chicago to hold onto them at the front desk.

Please note that the First Nation will not be responsible for lost or stolen cards or cards sent to an old address and not received or returned. If an individual(s) thinks there may be a problem or cause for concern, they may wish to pick up the Christmas gift card in person as replacement cards ***will not*** be issued.

Miigwetch and see you soon!