



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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September 17th

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NOTICE - OGEMA SPECIAL

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Special Informational Meeting

Saturday, September 17th, 2016 3PM

Three Fires Conference Center-Casino Resort

The meeting will be about the removal of Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act, Resolution #16-0829-250, and the removal of the Casino Board of Directors.

This meeting will also give information why this step was taken and what changes will be made.

Please try to attend if you can.



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Election Board
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI49660
Phone(231)723-8288

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Announcement of General Election

Date of Election : April 28, 2017

Offices to be Elected: Office of Tribal Council- Nine County District (two seats)
Office of Tribal Council- At Large District (one seat)
Office of Tribal Council - Outlying (two seat)
Office of Election Board- (three seats)
Office of Appellate Judge- (one seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy

For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Council-Nine County District, At-Large and Outlying District. To run for the Office of Tribal Council in the Nine County District, At-Large District and Outlying district, a Tribal Member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar below.

For Candidates for the Office of Election Board. To run for the Election Board, a Tribal Member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar below.

For Candidates for the Office of Appellate Judge. To run for the Office of Appellate Judge, a Tribal Member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar below.

Election Calendar

Declaration of Candidacy Packets available	October 3, 2016
Declaration of Candidacy Packets due	October 28, 2016
Background Checks Certified	November 30, 2016
Slate of Candidates certified	December 12, 2016
Last day to withdraw candidacy	December 19, 2016
Ballots mailed out for Primary Election	January 13, 2017
Ballots due and Primary Election Day	February 10, 2017 Deadline for Primary election recounts, disputes, challenges
February 17, 2107 Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidate after Primary Election	February 27, 2017 Ballots mailed out for General Election
March 24, 2017	April 28, 2017
Ballots due and General Election Day	

Deadline for General Election recounts, disputes, challengesMay 5, 2017
Deadline for General Election campaign financial report May 5, 2017



The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00 .pm.

The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The ballot counting will also take place in the Lodge and the counting process begins at 12:00 p.m.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours has been included in this mailing and will be from October 3, 2016 through October 28, 2016.

If a candidate wishes to have their photograph and biography included in the Special Election Newsletter, the candidate must include the photograph and biography in their candidate packet.

The Tribal Constitution has recently been amended by a vote of the Membership. The Election Board will be posting revisions to the Chapter 3 and 4 Election Board Regulations to reflect the Constitutional amendments. If enacted, these changes to Chapter 3 and 4 will be in effect for this election.

One of the Constitutional changes is that the Election Board is required to perform background checks for the positions of Tribal Council, Tribal Ogema, and Tribal Judiciary. The background check paperwork must be filled out and turned in with your Declaration of Candidate Packet along with a fee to cover the cost of the background check service. The Election Board is researching check services and the amount of the fee will be included in the Candidate Packets. Only cash and money orders will be accepted.

Please note: In accordance with the Election Board Regulations Chapter 2, section 19d): "If Voter Registration Form is not received by the Election Board 60 calendar days before an election, the eligible voter will not be registered to vote in that election."

Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election is December 13, 2016. Last day to register to vote for the General Election is February 27, 2017.

The Election Board is not responsible for the failure of an Eligible Voter to complete the registration requirements by the prescribed deadlines.

Registered Voters are responsible for maintaining their current physical/ mailing address with the Enrollment Department. Ballots will be mailed to the address on file in the Enrollment Department.



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 2608 Government Center Drive
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 Phone (231) 723-8288

ELECTION BOARD

Recent amendments to the Tribal Constitution change the composition of the Tribal Council. Prior to these amendments, the Tribal Council seats were allocated as follows:

- Six of the members were elected by Tribal Members residing in the Nine-County area. The Nine-County area is made up of Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa, and Wexford Counties.
- Two of the members were elected by all of the Members of the Tribe. These Council seats are known as "At-large" seats.
- One of the members was elected by Tribal Members living outside the Nine-County area. This seat is known as the "Outlying" seat.

The proposed amendment would change the composition of the Tribal Council as follows:

- Four of the Council seats will be elected by Tribal Members residing in the Nine-County area.
- One of the Council seats will be At-Large.
- Four of the Council seats will be elected by Tribal Members residing in the Outlying area.

Another way to say this is that two Nine-County seats are being changed to Outlying seats, and one At-Large seat is being changed to an Outlying seat.

The Election Board is charged with implementing this change. This includes determining when the seats should be switched, and in what order.

In rules that are being posted this month, the Election Board has decided to make the changes in two steps. First, one Nine-County seat that is up for election will be switched to an Outlying seat in the 2017 General Election. Then, one Nine-County seat and one At-Large seat that are up in the 2019 General Election will be switched to Outlying seats. The following graphic shows how this will work:

Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2017 Election		
Current	Change	New
3 Nine-County seats	(-1)	2 Nine-County seats
1 At-Large seat	0	1 At-Large seat
1 Outlying seat	+1	2 Outlying seats

Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2019 Election		
Current	Change	New
3 Nine-County seats	(-1)	2 Nine-County seats
1 At-Large seat	(-1)	0 At-Large seats
0 Outlying seats	+2	2 Outlying seats

The Election Board's main reason for implementing the change in this way is so that there will be two Nine-County seats and two Outlying seats up in each future election. If the At-Large seat was switched to Outlying in 2017, then there would be three Outlying seats up in one election and one Outlying seat up in the next election, with this pattern repeating in future elections. Instead, there will be two Nine-County seats and two Outlying seats up in each future election. The lone At-Large seat would be up once every other election, just as the lone Outlying seat is now. The following graphic illustrates the new pattern:

Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2021 Election
2 Nine-County seats
1 At-Large seat
2 Outlying seats
Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2023 Election
2 Nine-County seats
0 At-Large seat
2 Outlying seats
Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2025 Election
2 Nine-County seats
1 At-Large seat
2 Outlying seats
Tribal Council Seats Up for Vote in 2027 Election
2 Nine-County seats
0 At-Large seat
2 Outlying seats

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 10-1 – Manistee 11-2 - Muskegon	4 11-2 - Manistee	5	6 11-2 - Manistee	7	8
9	10 10-1 – Manistee	11	12	13 11-2 – Manistee	14 11-2 – Manistee 11-2 - Muskegon	15
16	17 10-2 – Manistee 11-2 - Muskegon	18	19	20 11-2 – Manistee	21 11-2 - Muskegon	22
23	24 11-2 – Manistee	25 11-2 – Muskegon	26	27 11-2 – Manistee	28 11-5 – Manistee 11-2 - Muskegon	29
30	31					

EVENTS

2nd ANNUAL RUN FOR RECOVERY

5K RUN/WALK

September 24, 2016

MANISTEE, MI

Packet Pick Up: 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Run/Walk to Start Promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Location: First Street Beach Pavilion (near the Dog Park)

Cost: \$20.00 early Registration fee until September 20, 2016.

Late Registration fee \$25

This is a FUN RUN. IN RECOVERY EVERYONE IS A WINNER.

We will not be providing official chip times.

All participants will receive a finisher medal.

There will be a watering station halfway and post-run snacks.

Northern Michigan Recovery Residences is committed to helping communities develop recovery residences and recovery supports. Proceeds will go to establish Michael's House, a project of Northern Michigan Recovery Residences in Manistee, MI (serving Manistee and Benzie Communities since 2005). Northern Michigan Recovery Residences is a one-of-a-kind, supportive, transitional residential program for individuals in recovery who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness.

Thank you to our Sponsors: TBA

MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

School of Social Work

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The MSU School of Social Work is excited to announce an upcoming program!

**#4151 Michigan Indian Day 2016:
Zoongaadiziwin "Strong Life"**

Date: 9/23/2016

Description: The Zoongaadiziwin self-sufficiency program focuses on the devastating effects of generational poverty in Native American communities. This pervasive poverty has far-reaching consequences in many areas, including health, education, substance abuse, and self-sufficiency. The Zoongaadiziwin program seeks to assess the multiple factors associated with challenges of individual and families and provide a sustainable and multi-generational therapeutic intervention.

CE faculty: Jason Cross, MSW, is the Director of Family Services, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. He received his MSW with a concentration in organization and community leadership from MSU in 2015.

Date: 9/23/2016

Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: MSU Federal Credit Union, 4825 Mt. Hope Road, East Lansing MI 48824

Register by 9/17/2016 and SAVE!

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print legibly

Run for Recovery SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

Complete one registration for each participant

Signature is mandatory.

Name: _____ Age: ____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact's Phone#: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$. _____

Make Checks payable to: Northern Michigan Recovery Residences

Mail to: Northern Michigan Recovery Residences, P.O. Box 321, Manistee, MI
49660

Questions? Call Kevin or Dottie @ 231-723-1092

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS:

I understand that participation in this event may be physically strenuous, and attest that I am physically fit to participate. I understand and agree to the Mandatory Waiver and Release of all claims in this form. In consideration of accepting this entry, I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Northern Michigan Recovery Residences, the City of Manistee, or anyone associated (including volunteers, Committee Members) with this event for any and all injuries suffered by me in this event.

Participants Signature _____ Date _____:

(18 years old, or guardian) _____ Date _____

HOUSING DEPARTMENT:

The Tribally funded Down payment and Closing Cost Assistance program has been funded for this year, 2016. Tribal Citizens can receive up to a combined maximum of \$5,000.00. The combined maximum is based on 2.33% for the down payment assistance up to \$3,500 and 1.00% for closing cost assistance up to \$1,500. The assistance is calculated on the total purchase price and the eligibility criteria highlights are as follows.

1. Must be an enrolled member of LRBOI.
2. Must be at least 21 years old.
3. Must not currently own a home/residence.
4. Residence must be the borrower’s permanent primary residence.
5. Must not have previously accessed funds under this or any other Tribal program that provides down payment and closing cost assistance.
6. Must be a single family residence.

If you are interested please contact Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department at 231-398-6878 or cgehrke@lrboi-nsn.gov.

INTERNSHIP and CAREER STUDIES ANNOUNCEMENT:

Two programs are now available to help LRBOI Tribal Members and LRBOI Descendants acquire skills and knowledge to prepare for their future careers at LRCR.

What: Two different work programs are available, an INTERNSHIP PROGRAM and a CAREER STUDIES PROGRAM, with a limited number of positions available in each program.

Who: LRBOI Tribal Members and LRBOI Descendants, 18 and older, are eligible to apply.

When: 12 week paid program begins after approval process.

Where: there are TEMP positions open in both Members Assistance and HR. We are looking for Administrative Assistant temporary assignees right now. Up to 29 hours per week. Submit application and resume to jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov Various Departments at Little River Casino Resort.

How: Submit application and then undergo interview process to be approved.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

for Tribal Member and Descendant college students, in association with the internal internship programs that are available from their specific colleges.

CAREER STUDIES

PROGRAM – for Tribal Member and Descendant NON-college students. This program is not for college credit, and the process is managed entirely within LRCR.

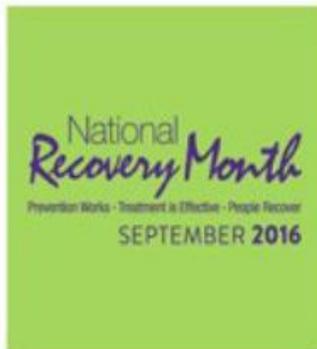
FOUR positions are available in each program. Eligible applicants Must submit all required documents to be considered.

Applicants must pass all pre-employment screening processes required for all newly hired employees. Application packets are available upon request Contact: Sandy Mezeske, Executive Administrative Assistant Tribal and Organizational Development Department of Little River Casino Resort sandym@lrcr.com 1-231-398-4029

**JOIN THE VOICES
FOR RECOVERY:
OUR FAMILIES,
OUR STORIES,
OUR RECOVERY!**

Mental and/or substance use disorders affect millions of Americans. By sharing their stories of recovery, individuals, families, and communities can help encourage public awareness and inspire others

Celebrate National Recovery Month,



Join us September 28th at 7pm for the showing of an award winning film "Grace" at the tribal government "lodge" (2608 Government Center Drive Manistee, MI)

"Grace" compassionately looks at the disease of addiction, the pitfalls of early recovery and how to maintain lasting sobriety.



For More Information Contact : Julie @ 231-398-6740

Sponsored by Bedabin Behavioral Health of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.



FALL FIRE & TEACHINGS

Please join our community for the traditional **Fall Fire and Teachings**

Breakfast & lunch will be provided at the Aki Community Center.

October 6th - 8th

October 6th 2016

6:30 - 8:00 - Sunrise Ceremonies.

All Men and Women Pipe Carriers are welcome to participate.

Water Ceremony and morning songs.

8:15 - 9:15 - Breakfast - At the Little River Community Center.

9:30 - 11:45 - Why we have seasonal ceremonies. Men and Women teachings in our communities and other communities. The importance of maintaining our Cultural ways and practices.

All invited presenters and participants are encouraged to participate and offer their knowledge.

12:00 noon - Lunch with Little River band Of Ottawa Elders meal program.

1:30 - 2:30 - Continue from morning teachings.

2:30 - 2:45 break

3:00 - 4:30 - How do we encourage other others to participate in our cultural ways, not just ceremonies, but crafts, gatherings of all kinds.

Closing day offerings and prayers for the people.

October 7th, 2016

6:30 - 8:00 - Sunrise Ceremonies. All Men and Women are welcome to participate.

Water Ceremony and morning songs.

8:15 - 9:15 Breakfast at Community Center

9:30 - 12:00 - The Effect of Boarding Schools on our Anishinaabe People. How this has affected us as a Nation and People, the trauma it has caused our people for generations, the teachings of a long long road to acknowledgement and day to day hopeful recovery of our People. With Hunter Genia

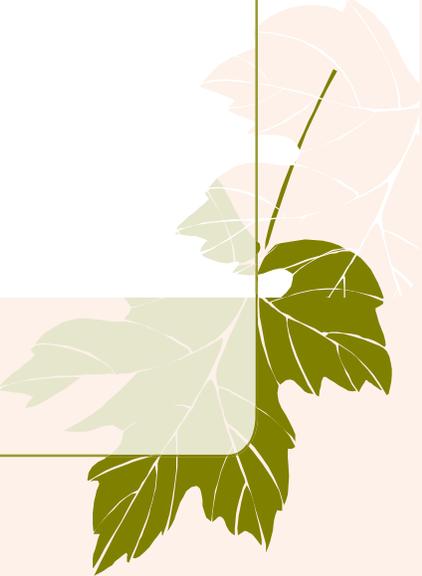
12:00 - Lunch

1:30 - ? Continue from morning teachings.

End of this day we will discuss what teaching were helpful and what teachings the people want for the Spring Sacred Fire **and** Teachings 2017.

Where: The Gathering Grounds Fire Lodge
2608 Government Center Drive Manistee, MI 49660

Questions? Call Wyatt Szpliet 231 398 6891



Updated Fish Consumption Guidelines

The Natural Resource Department has updated its fish consumption recommendations for Manistee Lake and Tippy Pond Dam. Fish collected for these recommendations are either commonly consumed by Tribal members or not routinely tested by the State of Michigan. Fish consumption guidelines are based on contaminant trigger levels, for total mercury and PCB, set forth by the Michigan Department of Community Health. Consumption guidelines are protective of the general public, women of childbearing age, and children under 15.

Tippy Dam Pond

Safe eating recommendations ² :		
Species	General population	Women and children *
Smallmouth Bass	> 18 "	> 18 "
Northern Pike	> 24 "	> 24 "
Walleye	None	None
Black Crappie	None	None
Channel Catfish	None	None

Manistee Lake

Safe eating recommendations ² :		
Species	General population	Women and children *
Smallmouth Bass	None	> 10 "
Northern Pike	None	All Sizes
Walleye	None	All Sizes
White Sucker	None	All Sizes
Chinook Salmon	None	All Sizes

Consumption Key	
	Do Not Eat
	6 meals/Year
	1 meal/Month
	1 Meal/Week
	No Restrictions

Note: There are no consumption restrictions for fish lengths below recommendations. 1 meal = 8 ounces

* Women of childbearing age and children under 15. This demographic has an increased health risk from fish contamination

Tips for Reducing Contaminant Consumption

1. Choose smaller fish. Contaminants accumulate over time in muscle tissue (mercury) and fat (PCB's).
2. Trimming fatty areas and grilling/broiling fish can reduce PCB exposure.
3. Reduce consumption of predatory and bottom-feeding fish. These fish typically contain higher levels of contaminants

For Further Information:
Shaughn Barnett (Water Quality Specialist)
231-398-2192



2016 EAGLE STAFF GATHERING

WHEN:

Registration/Check In—
September 23 9am - 9pm
Event—**September 24 - 25**

WHERE:

Camp Jijak
2558 20th St.
Hopkins, MI 49328

DIRECTIONS:

- ~Take US-131 to Exit #61
- ~South on 12th St (0.8mi)
- ~Right onto 128th Ave (4.1 mi)
- ~Left on 20th St (1.3mi)
- ~Camp Jijak is on the right

HEAD STAFF:

Doris Boissoneau
Head Veteran...George Martin
Event MCs...Chris Pheasant & Shannon Martin
Arena Director...Dave Shananaquet
Fire Keeper...Brian Dayson
Sunrise Ceremony...Beendigaygizhig DeLeary

HOSTED BY:

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish
Band of Pottawatomi Indians

REGISTRATION

To be a registered Carrier this year, please completely fill out the registration form. Please visit:
<http://goo.gl/5AVzJZ> to register.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

August 26, 2016

Registered Eagle Staff Carriers will receive 1 room for 2 nights and a stipend.

ONSITE LODGING AVAILABLE

- ◆ Limited powered RV camping available based on needs
- ◆ Unlimited self-powered RV sites
- ◆ Primitive camping also available

CRAFT VENDORS WELCOME!

Please contact Jeff Martin for registration forms and cost information—

Jeff.Martin@glgc.org

OR

(269) 792-7580

13TH ANNUAL NMÉ (STURGEON) RELEASE

Please join the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Natural Resources Department

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

Location:
Rainbow Bend US
Forest Service
Manistee River Access



EVENTS:

10:00am: Sturgeon
viewing, rearing
facility tours &
children's activities

11:00am: Sturgeon
Release Ceremony

11:30am: Fish Released

Please contact the Natural Resource Department for more details: (231)
723-1594



Fall Membership Meeting

October 8, 2016

Friday October 7, 2016
7 pm - 9 pm

Ogema
Meet & Greet

Little River Casino Resort
Three Fires Conference Center

Saturday October 8, 2016
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Membership Meeting

Little River Casino Resort Event
Center

Meeting Agenda

8 a.m. - Registration Begins

Located in the Event Center

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Informational Booths

Hallway - Three Fires Conference

10:00 a.m. Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations
Opening of meeting

Event Center

12 p.m. Lunch Served
Information booths close

Event Center

1 p.m. - Official meeting begins - Quorum Call

Question and Answer Period will follow

Thank - you for attending and Safe Travel Home

Note: Agenda subject to change at Ogema's discretion and if quorum in some rooms is reached-