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-VISION STATEMENT-

The vision of the Bad River Housing Authority is to enhance the quality of life of the Bad River Community by being a positive, professional catalyst in creating neighborhoods that are safe, affordable and dynamic places to live, work and play on the Bad River Reservation.

-MISSION STATEMENT-

The mission of the Bad River Housing Authority is to develop, operate and maintain affordable housing, and to assist Bad River Tribal residents in becoming self-sufficient through workforce development opportunity training and supportive services.

Visit us online at:

<http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/tribal-operations/housing-a-reality/housing-authority>

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Waaka'igan Mazina'igan
House Paper



BHCH Playground Improvement



The playground at Birch Hill Community House received a facelift this summer with labor donated by members of the Crossroads Outreach from Ashland.



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We bid farewell to Elle Abeles-Allison—BRHA VISTA member. Her time of service ends in November. She has been a great service to the Housing Authority and especially to Birch Hill Community House. She has spearheaded many projects and made many friends and contacts here at Bad River. We wish her well in all her future endeavors.



BHCH Community Meal

On Thursday, October 7th, Birch Hill Community House hosted its first community meal and cooking class! Our young cooks needed just a little instruction to get the giant pot of turkey tortilla soup started. Onions, garlic, hominy, black beans, peppers, tomatoes, shredded turkey, chicken stock, cumin, and limes were chopped up, sautéed and slow cooked. The young cooks then teamed up with the experienced cooks to make some tasty cornbread! Homemade limeade to wash it all down was made from squeezed limes and dried sweet stevia leaves grown in the community house raised garden beds. For dessert, homemade whipped cream made simply with heavy whipping cream and maple syrup, plopped on top of raspberry granola, strawberries, and blueberries for a healthy finish.

This month's recipe was selected from GLIFWC's Mino Wiisinidaa! (Let's Eat Good!) Traditional Foods for Healthy Living cookbook. Join us in late October for another community meal and cooking class!

If you have experience preparing traditional, healthy, native foods please complete a Native Food/Community Cooking Workshop Proposal included in this newsletter.

The Community Meals are funded in part by a grant from the Notah Begay III foundation (NB3F) through the Shakopee Mdewkanton Sioux Community and the Seeds of Native Health.

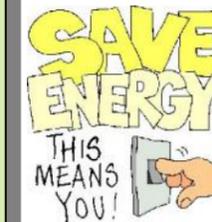


Resident Services

Rae Ann Bender, Housing Manager/Counselor

Fall is just around the corner and winter will follow. Please review these tips before applying for energy assistance. Eligible households may receive a benefit payment once per heating season (October 1 through May 15), and crisis assistance funds. Help for non-operating furnaces and heating systems may also be available. The amount of the benefit payment depends on household size, income level, and energy costs. Bayfield Electric can and will disconnect power during the heating season for non-payment and assess another deposit if there is no payment for 4 consecutive months.

UW Extension Basic Budget Class
Is scheduled at the Bad River Housing Authority Gathering Room on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 10 – 12pm.
Please be advised that you can only receive help for your Bayfield electric bill once a year



Failure to furnish utilities at all times during tenancy is a violation of the Rental Agreement and good cause for termination.

Sign up for Bad River WHEAP at 715-682-7127.

Household Size*	Maximum Income Level (Per Year)
1	\$26,175
2	\$34,228
3	\$42,282
4	\$50,336
5	\$58,390
6	\$66,443
7	\$67,953
8	\$69,463

Crime Prevention & Safety

Working together for a safer community!

Being a good neighbor can help prevent misunderstandings and arguments, ensure a friendlier, safer neighborhood and provide a more comfortable place for everyone to live.

Simple steps for becoming a good neighbor:

Introduce yourself: Be friendly and welcoming.

Be mindful of who your neighbor is: If you have elderly neighbors or those who are more vulnerable, look out for them and keep an eye out to ensure they are doing OK. If you have any doubt as to their wellbeing, you can contact the *Elder Abuse line on 1-800-472-6927*

Be aware of shared walls: Position noisy household appliances such as T.V.'s and speakers, and even washing machines and tumble dryers away from partition walls.

Control your pets: Keep your dog on a leash when outside if it causes trouble on your neighbors lawns, and clean up after it. If there is a problem with dogs persistent barking first approach your neighbor or seek advice from your local council.

Parking etiquette: Be very considerate how and when you park your car, upholding any rules that are in place and ensuring your vehicle does not block anyone's access.

Keep your yard and garden tidy.

Put your rubbish bins out on the right day: If you miss the collection be sure to bring bins back onto your property. Keep your trash area clean and debris free. Wash your garbage bins if they begin to smell.

Communicate with your neighbor:

Remember if anything you are planning to do may affect them—let them know! Keeping good communication can prevent a lot of misunderstanding and bad feelings developing.

Be aware of your surroundings: Keep an eye out for each other and if you see anyone acting suspiciously around the neighborhood, report it to the police, or contact Crime stoppers on 715-373-5515 or via the web at crimestoppers.com.au

Making your neighborhood a safer and happier place to live starts with you and your neighbors!

Ventilation and filtration for a better quality of life!

Good ventilation can renew the air of the house at a controlled rate. The filtration of this air will allow to significantly reduce the presence of pollutants and thereby reduce the risk of disease.

Why do I need an air exchanger?

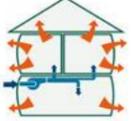
Proper ventilation plays a key role in removing excess humidity, airborne pollutant particles and odors from homes. Proper ventilation is needed in all four seasons of the year. Carbon dioxide (CO₂), dust mites, mould spores, pet dander, smoke, Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs) and other airborne pollutants are forced to stay inside the home.

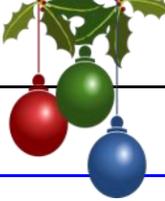
Excess humidity increases the potential growth of mold and the possibility of structural damage to wood framing.

Indoor air contains up to 100 times more pollutants than the outdoor air.

People now spend up to 90% of the time indoors. If your house is stuffy, odors linger, or humidity is high in fall and winter, it is likely that your house does not have adequate ventilation.

If someone in your house has headaches, chronic fatigue, poor concentration, respiratory conditions, such as chronic colds and flu viruses, aggravated allergies, asthma or bronchitis getting the proper amount of ventilation is even more important.

		
Positive air pressure Pushes hot and/or humid air into walls and insulation; condensation can lead to mold, mildew and rot heat loss	Negative air pressure Infiltration of unconditioned air increases risks of mold and higher energy costs Potential back draft from combustion appliances	Equal air pressure Supply airflow is equal (CFM) to stale air exhaust Balancing is required on all units unless specified otherwise

Upcoming Events!		
Date	Time	Event
Nov. 11,	8-4:30	 Closed for Veterans Day Thank you for your service
Nov. 24 & 25	8-4:30	 Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec. 23	12 –4:30	Closed 1/2 day, Christmas Holiday
Dec. 26 & 27	8-4:30	 Closed Christmas Holiday
Jan. 2 & 3	8-4:30	Closed Happy New Year

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa is receiving a \$300,000 ICDBG for extensive rehabilitation of 20 housing units (8 private homes and 12 BRHA units). The Bad River Housing Authority will be administering the grant. The work will include major rehabilitation including accessibility elements, remediation of mold, mildew and other moisture damage improvements such as foundation drainage to divert water runoff away from the foundations, proper sealing of windows and replacements, installation of sump pumps and exhaust fans as well as other indoor air quality improvements and methods. The end result will be the availability of safe and energy efficient homes for tribal members.

The ICDBG (Indian Community Development Block Grant) was established in 1977 to help Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages meet their community development needs. Federally recognized Indian tribes, bands, groups or nations (including Alaska Indian, Aleuts and Eskimos,) Alaska Native villages, and eligible tribal organizations compete for this funding each year.

The goal of the program is to develop viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including neighborhoods with decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities. Communities can use the grants to rehab or build new housing; to buy land for housing; for infrastructure projects such as roads, water and sewer facilities; and to spur economic development including jobs.

For the 2017 year, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$56.5 million to 77 Native American communities throughout the country to improve housing conditions and stimulate community development for residents, including funding construction projects and local jobs.

Occupancy Information

Micki Corbine, Housing Manager

Indoor/Outdoor Preventative Fall Maintenance

Indoors: Wash windows, blinds, curtains, and never hang blankets, (it creates mold and mildew in window seals)

Clean light fixtures, replace bulbs, detector batteries, and change furnace filter once a month

Shampoo rugs, wipe down baseboards

Straighten up closets, clean medicine cabinets, and junk drawers

Use care when using space heater (never leave on when no one is home)

Clean oven & frig., vacuum coils, and clean dryer lint trap build up

Outdoors: clean car, garage, store toys, grills, water hose, rakes lawnmowers and outdoor furniture

Don't over load electrical outlets indoor and outdoor

Keep driveway clear for snow plowing

Dispose of any frayed electrical cord.

Blow out burning candles when leaving your home



Mashkiizibii Baaga'adowe—Bad River Lacrosse

Baaga'adowe Kick-Off Event



The Bad River Housing Authority recently received a \$20,000 grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado. This award will support the efforts of the Bad River Band's goal to institute a lacrosse program.

The program is a coordinated effort between the Housing Authority's Youth Program, Bad River Headstart and Bad River Healthy Lifestyle program and Northland College Lacrosse. Baaga'adowe (Lacrosse) will provide an opportunity for Bad River youth and community members to reestablish a cultural tradition while creating mentorship opportunities and offering opportunities to interact with Native American college students

The Baaga'adowe-Hope Through Tradition grant will include coach/volunteer training, youth camp and Ojibewmowin , a Kickoff event and continue with smaller workshops throughout the year.

Mashkiizibii Baaga'adowe began with a kick off event on August 31 at the Bad River Community Center. Attendees received information about the upcoming camp and had an opportunity to learn some basic Lacrosse skills.

Twin Cities Native Lacrosse instructed adults and youth on the history, culture and skills of Lacrosse during the weekend of September 24-25. These skills continue to be developed in the various programs in the hopes of developing into an intramural league and eventually a travelling league.

We are looking for individuals interested in leading this program. Any youth or adult interested in the program as a participant or volunteer please email: mashkiizibiibaagaadowe@gmail.com Or call Deb at 715-682-2271.

Headstart Baaga'adowe



Baaga'adowe Camp

