#### Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department

# Manoomini-giizis (August)



August 1, 2023

#### **Neyaab Kinomaagegamgoong (Back to school)**

Ahoo! It is already that time of year again where the kids will be going back to school. I am sure it has been a long couple months of trying to figure out what to feed the kids all day, what to entertain them with, and just over all getting on your nerves here and there. Am I right?! Don't get me wrong I love my children just as much as any other loving parent, but I know we need that break during the day, especially if you are a stay at home parent. I heard a quote "if your kids don't get on your nerves, you are not around them enough". :P Keep hanging in there. we almost survived summer 2023.

I am sad to see it go though, we all know going back to school means that fall and winter are ahead. I feel like the years have just been flying right by. Weren't we just celebrating the New Year for 2023 yesterday?

On the other hand, soon enough our kids will be all grown up and we are going to miss these days of packing their lunches, hearing about their issues at school, who their best friends are, and learning with them. School age is the best time to bond with your kids before they go off to College or move away from home.

Let's bring in a positive school year for them and make sure to

hit up those back to school events. They always have lots of freebies, including backpacks, pencils, notebooks, etc. Hit up the garage sales for clothes, the mom to mom groups on Facebook for any hand me downs if need be, or do the best school shopping you can at your preferred store.



August 25, 2023 4:00-5:00 PM @ Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum

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### Happenings this month...



Sunday August 27, 2023 Riverwood Golf Course

Cost PP: \$125.00

Call: Bernard Sprague 989-775-5309

#### Play it Safe!

Friday, August 4, 2023 | Noon - 3:00 pm Island Park, Mt. Pleasant

Kid's Health & Safety Day

Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023

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Nutrition, Dental, Vision and Hearing Health
K-9 Demonstrations - Petting Zoo
Heavy Machinery Displays
Games - Arts & Crafts - Photo booth







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Due to the high amount of vandalism to the Broadway Park Bathrooms, they will be closed 24/7 until further notice.

Tip Line: 989-775-4775

Please call Tribal PD if you see or notice anything suspicious

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#### Manoomin Dabik-Giizis (Rice Moon Month)

September 15, 2017 the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe acquired 902 acres of land that includes just over a mile of lake frontage on Tawas Lake in East Tawas, MI. Gaining this land back into our community was a huge blessing. Being able to harvest our own rice, fishing, and possibly hunting.

I know that it is open to members to harvest wild rice during the season. I have not gone myself yet, but I know a lady who has and it seems to be a beautiful thing to learn. They still do culture camp out on Lake Tawas as well, I remember doing culture camp as a pre-teen myself. Now my daughter got to go and experience the same thing and hopefully many generations to come will too.

Manoomin is sacred to us and has been passed down from our ancestors. It is one of the most important food sources

because it can be stored for a long time and it has a very high nutritional value. It is recommended to go out once summer has ended and fall is beginning.

Typically two people (a man and a woman) would go out in canoe to the rice beds. The man would sit in the back and use a long pole to steer the canoe.

While the woman is at the front of the canoe with two long sticks, knocking the rice into the canoe. When done right, you should only

be taking off the ripened rice and leaving the remaining grains to ripen more. Repeating this over and over until the canoe was full.

On the first day of harvest you would typically want to have a feast to give thanks to creator for the manoomin and any other food used or caught.



**Collecting Wild Rice**