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Elected Officials

Ogema	District	Term	Phone	Email
Larry Romanelli	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6824	ogema@lrboi-nsn.gov

Council	District	Term	Phone	Email
Tammy Burmeister (S)	9 County	2023-2027	231-398-6833	tburmeister@lrboi-nsn.gov
Al Metzger	Outlying	2023-2027	231-398-6869	almetzger@lrboi-nsn.gov
Misty Silvis	9 County	2023-2027	231-398-6838	mistysilvis@lrboi-nsn.gov
Ron Wittenberg	Outlying	2023-2027	231-398-6828	ronwittenberg@lrboi-nsn.gov
Gary DiPiazza	9 County	2021-2025	231-398-6825	garydipiazza@lrboi-nsn.gov
Pam Johnson (R)	Outlying	2021-2025	231-398-6836	pamjohnson@lrboi-nsn.gov
Shirley Wever	9 County	2021-2025	231-398-6802	shirleywever@lrboi-nsn.gov
Shannon Crampton*	Outlying	2021-2025	231-398-6885	shannoncrampton@lrboi-nsn.gov
Julie Wolfe	At Large	2021-2025	231-398-6834	juliewolfe@lrboi-nsn.gov

(S) = Tribal Council Speaker (R) = Tribal Council Recorder

Election Board	District	Term	Phone	Email
Laura Echelbarger	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Kathy Gibson	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Shawna Gonzalez	At Large	2021-2025	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Lee Ivinson*	At Large	2021-2025	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Janine Sam*	At Large	2021-2025	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov

Chief Judge	District	Term
Angela Sherigan	At Large	2021-2027

Associate Judge	District	Term
Caroline LaPorte**	At Large	2019-2025

Appellate Judge	District	Term
Bernie Darrow	At Large	2023-2029
Melissa Pope	At Large	2021-2027
Bernadene Crampton	At Large	2021-2027



Voting Districts

At Large means all registered voters shall have the opportunity to vote for the seat.

9 County means all registered voters who reside within the 9 County district shall have the opportunity to vote for the seat.

Outlying means all registered voters who reside outside of the 9 County district shall have the opportunity to vote for the seat.

*Finishing term that started 2021 **Finishing term that started 2019

LRBOI SERVICE DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Education

Yvonne Parsons

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O: 231-398-6735



Services:

Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver
Vocational Education Assistance
Higher Education Scholarship
College Book Stipend Program
Tutoring Assistance
Student Services School Clothing/Activities
Student Services Driver's Training Assist.
Class Ring Assistance
Senior Pictures Assistance
Cap, Gown & Announcement Assistance
12th Grade Computer Assistance

Housing

Tara Bailey

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O: 231-398-6879



Services:

Low Income Rentals - Elder designated housing, elder designated ADA housing, family housing, family ADA housing
Fair market housing
Section 184 Indian Home Loan Assistance
Down Payment & Closing Cost Assistance

Food & Nutrition Center

Jamie Friedel

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Services:

USDA Commodities Distribution – The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations provides a variety of Commodity Foods to low-income households living on or near Indian reservations. Foods include fresh and canned vegetables, frozen meats, breakfast cereals, cheese, and butter. The FDPIR is an alternative to the Food Stamp Program.

Enrollment

Dianne A Lonn

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Services:

Enrollment Process
Tribal Identification (ID)
Judgment Funds
Address Changes
Tribal Directory Information
Bereavement Program
Per Capita Beneficiary Form
Notary Services
Per Capita Information Services
Direct Deposit Form
Tax withholding on Per Capita

Family Services

E: familyservices@lrboi-nsn.gov

O: 231-398-6707 or 398-6651

Services:

Individual Self-Sufficiency Education & Assistance
Family Self-Sufficiency Education & Assistance
Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification Services
Elder Support Services
Family Violence Protection, Education, Advocacy and Counseling
Trauma Based Counseling
Positive Indian Parenting Program

LRBOI Service Department Contacts continued

Health Services



O: 231-723-8299
O: 231-398-6601

Services:

Family Medicine
Foot and Ankle Clinic
Community Health Nurse
Diabetic Educator
Purchase & Referred Care (PRC)
Extended Health Assist. Program (EHAP)
Pharmacy (231-398-6853)
Fitness Center



Tax Department

Valerie Chandler

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Services:

Tax-exempt Motor Fuel Program
Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members
Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Tribal Entities
Tribal Tax Licenses
Tribal Business Licenses
Commercial and Subsistence Fishers



Members Assistance

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Services:

Low Income Energy Assistance - LIHEAP
Food Assistance
Rental & Mortgage Assistance
Elder Meal Program
& Elder Chore Service
Emergency Transportation Assistance
Referral Assistance Service - help with finding assistance organization/agencies to assist with unmet needs.
Interdepartmental Referral Services - help to provide coordination and collaboration with tribal service departments.

Members Legal Assistance

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Services:

Estate Planning, Trust Preparation & Wills
Probates of Estates
Durable Power of Attorney
Durable Power of Medical Attorney
Real Estate
Land-Lord Tenant Matters
Divorce, Custody and Support
Criminal and Civil Matters
Paternity & DNA Testing
Birth Certificates
Guardianships & Conservatorships
Driver's Licenses
General Legal Advice

The attorney cannot appear in court with a tribal member or assist with issues that involve the Tribe. Attorney can assist with providing legal advice and drafting of documents.

Note that some of the assistance programs offered through Members Assistance is available to citizens living within the 9 county service area. Contact Members Assistance for details and possible referrals to help at other organizations and agencies.

LRBOI Service Department Contacts continued

Manistee

Government Center

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Little River Health Service Center

2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8299 / 888-382-8299
Office: 231-398-6601
Pharmacy: 231-398-3853

Food & Nutrition Center

2690 Dontz Rd
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
Office: 231-398-6716 / 231-655-1041

Housing Department

2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
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Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

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Manistee, MI 49660
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Office: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Justice Center

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Manistee, MI 49660
231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Natural Resources

310 Ninth St
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
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Muskegon

Tribal Office

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
1101 West Hackley
Muskegon, MI 49441
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Little River Health Service Center

4905 S. Harvey St.
Norton Shore, MI 49441
Main: 231-723-8299 / 888-382-8299
Office: 231-398-6601
Pharmacy: 231-398-3853
Services include Family Medicine,
Pharmacy and Radiology.

Little River Health Center of Ellis

1478 E. Ellis Rd
Muskegon, MI 49444
Main: 231-723-8299 / 888-382-8299
Office: 231-398-6601
Pharmacy: 231-398-3853
Services include Behavioral Health,
PRC Dept., Admin Center, Dictation
Center, Laboratory Facility, and Foot
& Ankle Clinic.





HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

It's essential to stay informed about upcoming holidays and closures affecting LRBOI government offices. To assist you in planning accordingly, here's a comprehensive list of observed holidays and closures for the year 2024:

New Year's Day

When: January 1.

Observed: Monday, Jan 1, 2024.

LRBOI Treaty Recognition Day

When: March 28.

Observed: Thursday, Mar 28, 2024.

Memorial Day

When: Last Monday in May.

Observed: Monday, May 27, 2024.

Independence Day

When: July 4 & 5

Observed: Thurs & Fri, July 4 & 5, 2024.

Labor Day

When: First Monday in September.

Observed: Monday, Sept 2, 2024.

LRBOI Reaffirmation Day

When: September 21.

Observed: Friday, Sept 20, 2024.

Veteran's Day

When: November 11.

Observed: Mon, Nov 11, 2024.

Thanksgiving

When: 4th Thursday in November.

Observed: Thursday, Nov 28, 2024.

Extended Thanksgiving & Native American Heritage Day

When: Friday after Thanksgiving.

Observed: Friday, Nov 29, 2024.

Christmas Eve Day

When: December 24.

Observed: Tuesday, Dec 24, 2024.

Half day closure. Closed Noon-5pm

Christmas Day

When: December 25.

Observed: Wed, Dec 25, 2024.

Offices will be closed Dec 25 - Jan 1 in recognition of the 2024 winter holidays. Offices will close at noon on Dec 24, 2024 and reopen Jan 2, 2025 at 8 am.

Holidays that fall on a Saturday are observed on Fridays and those falling on Sundays are observed on Mondays.

Additionally, our Ogema may declare additional holidays and closures. Updates will be shared on our government Facebook page and in the Currents newsletter, whenever possible.

If you need to contact someone during holiday closures, please consider reaching out via email or leaving a voicemail. Our government team members will respond at their earliest convenience upon returning to the office.

Tribal Council Meetings



Meetings occur Wednesdays at 10am (eastern) on the following dates.

December 4
December 11
December 18

Tribal Council Meeting & Work Sessions

Tribal Council publishes to the website, a weekly calendar of upcoming work sessions. Tribal Council uses the same On-Line Zoom link for their meetings and work sessions. All citizens are encouraged to attend meetings and work sessions.

Attend a Tribal Council Meeting

In-Person: 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660
in the lodge located on the 2nd floor.

On-Line: Zoom Web Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99705796129>
Zoom Call-In Number: 1-929-436-2866
Zoom Meeting ID: 997 0579 6129
Zoom Passcode: 1836

Etiquette for On-Line Attendance

Identify Yourself: When asked to do so, share your first and last name along with your tribal ID number.

Mute Your Device: When you join the meeting, please mute your device. Mute again after you've spoken.

Raise Your Hand: When you want to be placed in the queue to speak, use the Zoom control to virtually raise your hand.

Tribal Council Meetings



A Guide to Using Zoom!

The following excerpts were sourced at <https://support.zoom.com>

How do I sign up for Zoom?

You can sign up for a free Zoom account at <https://zoom.us/signup#/signup>

How to download the Zoom client.

You can download the Zoom Desktop Client for macOS, Windows, Linux, and ChromeOS. Download the Zoom Mobile App for iOS and Android, from our Downloads page or your app store.

Create your own account.

To sign up for your own free account, visit the Zoom sign-up page and enter your email address. You will receive an email from Zoom (no-reply@zoom.us). In this email, click Activate Account.

How to sign into your Zoom account on the web

You can sign into your Zoom account on the web at any time, at zoom.us/signin. Once you're logged in, use the panel on the left side to navigate the Zoom web portal. You can update your profile, schedule a meeting, edit your settings, and more.

How to update your profile

You can update your profile by adding a profile picture, set your time zone, update your password and more. To access your Zoom profile, sign into the Zoom web portal and click Profile.

How to join another user's meeting

There are many ways to join a meeting, but the easiest way is to click the join link that the meeting host provided. You can also click Join in your Zoom client and enter the meeting ID. You may also be prompted for a meeting passcode, so keep the meeting invite information available. You can join a meeting by clicking the meeting link or going to join.zoom.us and entering in the meeting ID.

Election Board Meetings



Election Board Open Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates | Submit Questions Deadline
None scheduled in December

Engage with the Election Board

Open Election Board meetings provide an opportunity for tribal citizens to engage with the election board, ask questions, and stay informed about the electoral process within our community. All open meetings will begin at 7:15pm. If no one joins the meeting by 7:30 pm, the open session will adjourn and transition into a closed session. To partake in the open meetings, please ensure your questions are submitted by Tuesday of the week of the meeting you plan to attend (48 hours in advance of the meeting). This allows the election board ample time to prepare and address inquiries effectively. Stay engaged and informed about the process in our community by attending the LRBOI Election Board open meetings. Your participation matters!

Attend an Election Board Open Meeting

On-Line: Zoom Web Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99808338390>
Zoom Call-In Number: 1-929-436-2866
Zoom Meeting ID: 9998 0833 8390
Zoom Passcode: 743234

Etiquette for On-Line Attendance

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Election Board Meetings

Election Calendar of Important Dates

October

- 10/04 - Fully completed candidate packets due back no later than 5pm.
- 10/04 - Candidate packet drop off available in Muskegon & Manistee
- 10/25 - Slating of candidates. Per regulation, post the slating of candidate by 12 noon on 10/26.
- 10/28 - Deadline to withdraw candidacy via email by 5pm.

November

- 11/01 - Registration deadline to vote in the Primary and Regular elections.
- 11/19 - Ballots mailed out for Primary election.

December

- 12/23 - Deadline to request replacement ballot.

January

- 01/03 - Deadline for disputes.
- 01/17 - Primary Election Day.
- 01/20 - Deadline for Primary Election winners to withdraw, via email by 5pm.
- 01/24 - Deadline for challenges.

February

- 02/14 - Registration deadline to vote in the Regular election.

March

- 03/07 - Ballots mailed out for Regular election.

April

- 04/04 - Deadline to request replacement ballots.
- 04/25 - Regular Election Day.
- 04/28 - Deadline for Regular Election winners to withdraw, via email by 5pm.

May

- 05/01 - Deadline for challenges and/or recounts.
- 05/02 - Deadline for finance reports from candidates.

Offices to be elected

- At-Large - 1 seat
- Outlying Council - 2 seats
- Nine County Council - 2 seats
- Office of Election Board - 3 seats
- Associate Judge - 1 seat

LRBOI PRINCESS AT HELEN DEVOS CHILDRENS HOSPITAL



This November, Indigenous Peoples and Native American Heritage Month brought a special opportunity for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) Princess Jacki Howe to share her culture and experiences with young patients at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (HDVCH) in Grand Rapids. Through a collaborative effort between the hospital's nurse educator Tasha Hardy and Blue Glass Studios, Jacki brought LRBOI traditions and heritage to life in a live program broadcast to patients and families.

Jacki, crowned LRBOI Princess in July after writing a heartfelt essay, spoke about her responsibilities in this important role. These include attending powwows, representing LRBOI at events, and serving as an ambassador for the tribe. "I love meeting new people, so this comes naturally for me," Jacki shared during the program.

Dressed in her regalia - a hand-beaded crown created by LRBOI citizen Salli Wabsis, a ribbon skirt, and an orange "Every Child Matters" shirt - Jacki captivated her audience with a hoop dance demonstration. She showcased both basic and advanced moves, sharing her love for hoop dancing, particularly when performing with her siblings.

LRBOI Princess continued



The session allowed Jacki to share images of her cultural activities and bring signed photos for the hospital's patients. Her warmth and authenticity resonated with viewers, providing an uplifting and educational experience.

For Tasha Hardy, a member of LRBOI and a nurse educator at HDVCH, this moment was deeply meaningful. "I was very honored and proud to see a young person representing our tribe and showing that our youth are carrying on our traditions and way of life," Tasha said.

This event also highlighted the importance of diversity and representation. "Our princess is different from a Disney character," Tasha explained. "She helps bring awareness to our tribe and cultural issues, showing the kids what it means to be proud of who you are and where you come from."

Jacki's involvement showcased the resilience and pride of LRBOI's youth, inspiring patients and families alike to embrace their unique stories and heritage. Jacki's shining example sends a powerful message: being true to your roots is beautiful and empowering.

Miigwech, Jacki, for your dedication to representing the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians with grace and pride!



A special thank you to Tasha Hardy, Meredith Schrottenboer, Taylor Ballek,
Corewell Health Helen DeVos Children's Hospital & Blue Glass Studios
for sharing the information and photos with us; chi miigwech!

ELDER'S CONFERENCE



Elder's Conference Continued



ELDER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Elder's Christmas Party continued



Elder's Christmas Party continued



Elder's Christmas Party continued



COOKIE DECORATING



Cookie Decorating continued



Message from Holly Lindsey

I would like to thank Family Services, The Food and Nutrition Center and Family Spirit for LRBOI's First cookie decorating party. With special thanks to volunteer Vera Hinmon. This event was a great success and so much fun!

I would like to give a shoutout to the following departments: Education, Family Services, and Family Spirit for sponsoring this year's LRBOI Halloween Trunk or Treat. With a special thank you to those who put in the work to make it so special. In Education Deb Davis and her husband. In the Food and Nutrition Center Melanie Ceplina and Nickie Ward. In Family Services Amber Peterson and her husband Jay, Stephanie Persenaire, Tara Cook, her daughter, and her Foreign exchange students. In Housing Michelle Pepera and Krystal Davis. And from elder's meals Sonia and Sally Russo (retired).

COOKING INDIGENOUS FOODS: HONORING INDIGENOUS IDENTITY AND CULTURE WITH MELANIE CEPLINA

November 16 menu included Wild Rice Apple Salad
with Apple Vinaigrette Dressing accompanied
by Bison Meatloaf baked in squash.



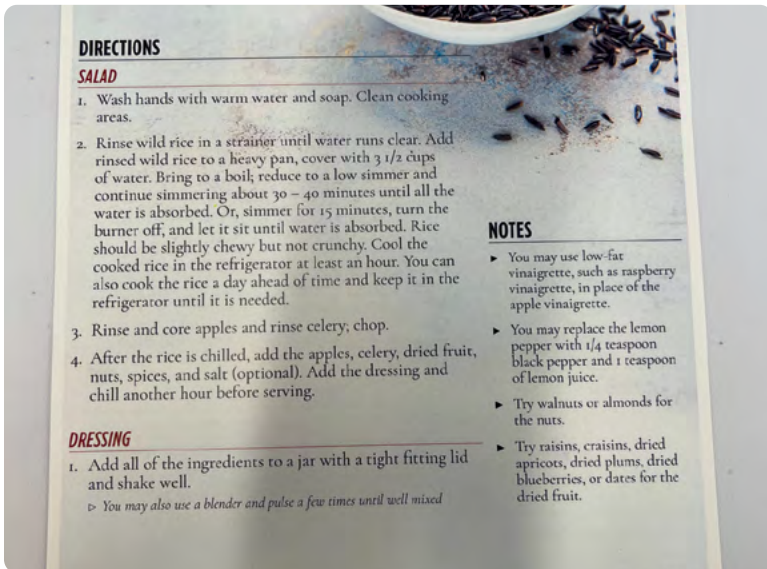
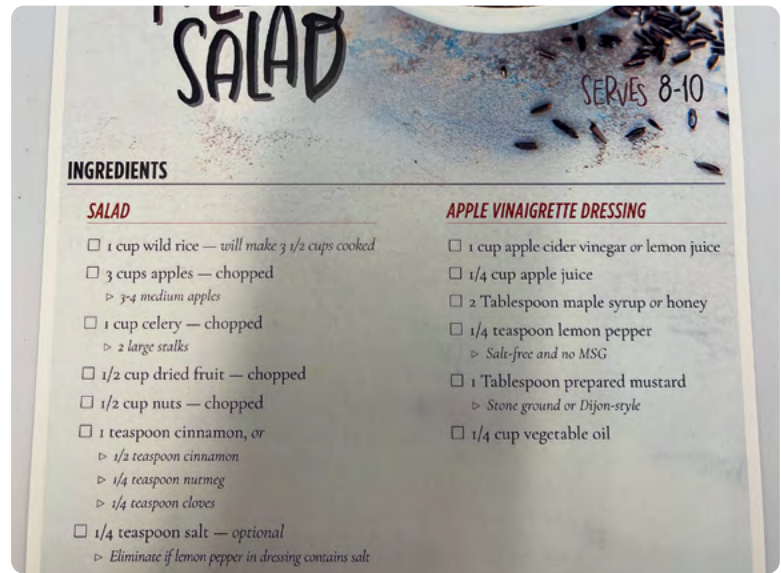
Cooking Indigenous Foods continued



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TRUNK OR TREAT



Trunk or Treat continued



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Trunk or Treat continued



Share Your Story



Our community is filled with incredible stories, and it's time we celebrate them together. Whether it's Robert Russ (Bobby) stepping into the world of acting with *Skinwalker Island* or Michelle Lucas shining at ArtPrize with her top 100 finish, there are so many examples of talent and success within our tribe and community.

We want to hear more! Every achievement, big or small, has the power to inspire others and spread positivity. Do you have a story to share? Your journey could be the next one to uplift and motivate our people.

Let's come together and showcase the strength and creativity of our community. Reach out to Jo Jo at joannegreen@lrboi-nsn.gov to start the conversation.

Let's make sure your story gets the spotlight it deserves!



EMPOWER *The Future*

BUILD A LEGACY FOR THE NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS!

Join us in building a vibrant legacy for the next seven generations by working for your tribe.

As a tribal member, you have a unique opportunity to contribute to the sustainable development and cultural preservation of our people, our tribe, and our nation.

Your skills, passion, and dedication can make a significant impact on our tribe's future, ensuring that our traditions, values, and prosperity are passed down to future generations.

By working together, we can create a thriving, self-sufficient community that honors our heritage while embracing innovation and growth.

The future of our tribe is bright and full of potential, shaped by our collective efforts to preserve our cultural heritage, promote sustainable development, and ensure the well-being of our community.

Be a part of this transformative journey and help secure a bright future for our next seven generations.

**LOVE, RESPECT, WISDOM,
TRUTH, HONESTY
HUMILITY, BRAVERY**



THE FUTURE *of Our People*

Government Careers

Mental Health Counselor (FT)
Peer Recovery Coach (FT)
Director of Commerce (FT)
Workforce Development Specialist (FT)
Director of Family Services (FT)
Accounts Payable Clerk (FT)
Nutrition Program Coordinator (FT)
Help Desk Technician (FT)
Operation Engineer (FT)
Technician (FT)
Clinic Lab Supervisor (FT)
Nurse Practitioner (FT | Muskegon)
Compliance Officer (FT)
Grant Writer (FT)
Prosecutor (FT)
Legislative In-House Counsel (Contract)

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Fax: 231-331-1233

Web: www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Questions or concerns contact
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Visit the Human Resources office.

Easily apply online anytime
at www.LRCR.com
then click the CAREERS link.

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LRCR offers permanent, seasonal, intermittent, full time and part time positions.

Little River

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Steward**



Check the casino website for current available positions at www.LRCR.com

LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS BREAKS NEW GROUND IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT



On November 14, 2024, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) celebrated an exciting milestone: the groundbreaking ceremony for the Leonard Street Apartments in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This event underscores the tribe's commitment to addressing housing challenges faced by tribal citizens and low-income families while fostering economic growth. Spearheaded by Little River Holdings (LRH), the tribe's Economic Development Corporation (EDC), this project represents the latest chapter in LRH's ambitious plans to expand affordable housing options across Michigan.

At the heart of this initiative is the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program. Created under the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the LIHTC Program is a federal initiative designed to encourage private investment in the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. Administered at the state level, the program is a powerful tool for tribal organizations like LRH to tackle the housing crisis in their communities. The LIHTC Program works by offering tax credits to developers who build or refurbish housing for low-income tenants. These tax credits make projects financially feasible, enabling developers to offer lower rents while still covering construction and operational costs. For LRH, this program serves as a vital resource, allowing the tribe to not only address immediate housing needs but also establish a long-term strategy for community development and economic independence.



Little River Holdings is actively leveraging the LIHTC Program to create a lasting impact. To date, LRH has eight active LIHTC projects, each designed to serve tribal citizens and descendants of federally recognized tribes. In October 2024, LRH submitted nine additional project proposals for the LIHTC round, demonstrating its commitment to expanding its housing portfolio. Each of these projects will provide 10% of the housing units to members of LRBOI and other federally recognized tribes.

For this round, LRH anticipates receiving funding for five of its nine proposed projects, which will add housing units in key locations such as Muskegon and Grand Rapids. This expansion will bring LRH's total number of LIHTC projects to 13, a significant achievement that positions the organization as a leader in affordable housing development within tribal communities.

The Leonard Street Apartments project is a cornerstone of LRH's efforts. Located in Grand Rapids, this development will provide much-needed affordable housing for low-income residents. What sets this project apart is the collaborative approach LRH has taken to bring it to fruition.

Little River Development, LLC, a subsidiary of LRH, partnered with Genessis Non-Profit Housing Corporation and Dwelling Place LLC to ensure the success of the Leonard Street Apartments. These partnerships have not only enhanced the project's scope but also strengthened LRH's position in the LIHTC application process. Partnerships with tribal entities provide an additional five points on LIHTC applications, making LRH's proposals more competitive and increasing the likelihood of securing funding.

This collaboration also serves a strategic purpose: to help Little River Development, LLC gain the experience necessary to operate as an independent developer. Once the organization completes 15 LIHTC projects and secures 8906 certifications, it will qualify to manage future developments independently. This achievement will enable LRH to collaborate with other tribes, sharing expertise and resources to address housing needs across tribal service areas.

One of the most compelling aspects of LRH's LIHTC projects is the focus on tribal priority. Each project allocates 10% of its units to tribal citizens of any federally recognized tribe. For LRH's first 15 projects, LRBOI tribal citizens will be given priority placement on waiting lists, ensuring that housing opportunities are accessible to the community.

The Leonard Street Apartments and other LIHTC projects are designed to address a critical gap in affordable housing while maintaining a focus on tribal sovereignty and community well-being. By prioritizing tribal citizens, these developments not only provide shelter but also strengthen the connection between tribal members and their cultural heritage.

Little River Holdings Information



ODENO

- Phase 2 has been completely built out, marking a significant achievement.
- Meanwhile, we are making great strides with the infrastructure for Phase 3.
- 156 total homes sold year to date

HOW LRH GETS REVENUE FROM ODENO

- Lot Curtailment Fees
- Percentage of Home Sale



MANISTEE HILLCREST VILLAGE APARTMENTS

- The mixed-income project built 50 apartments, including one, two, and three-bedroom units. Each apartment building is two floors.
- These homes are available for families making between 30% and 120% of the area's average income.

Please call for vacancy and rental rate information!

231-723-4822

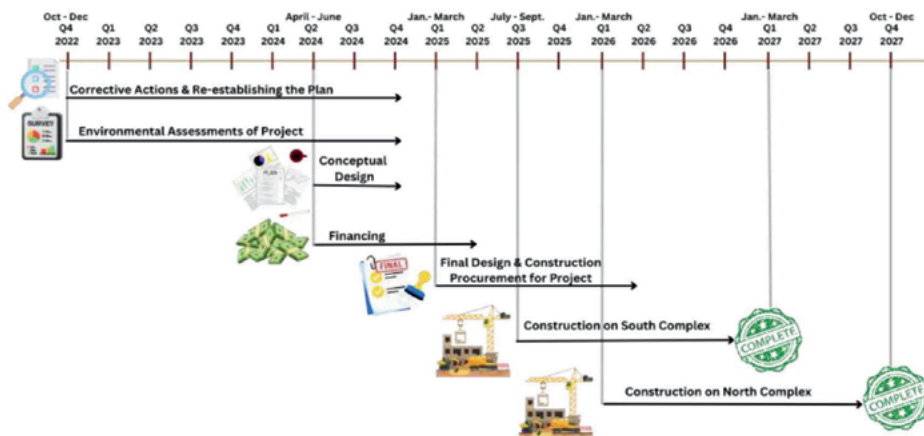
Little River Holdings Information



MANISTEE GATEWAY PROJECT

Condo Hotel
Parking Garage
Heritage Venue
Multi-use Complex
Rooftop Bar and Wahlburger Restaurant

Manistee Gateway Project Timeline



Little River Holdings Information

We Invite You To Discover Our Initiatives And Share Any Comments You May Have!



Citizens Advisory Board Meetings

Meeting Dates

January 13, 2025	July 17, 2025
March 3, 2025	September 3, 2025
May 5, 2025	November 3, 2025

**All meetings are held
at 3pm**

Meeting access can be found through the QR code or on www.lrhedc.com



Information received from the EDC for the December Currents.
Thank you Brittney and Tyler for sharing.

Happy Holidays





Message about Humana Elder's Insurance

If you are an elder covered on the LRBOI group Medicare plan and have concerns regarding a recent letter you may have received from Trinity Health in Muskegon, MI, here is some clarification regarding the Humana plan coverage.

The coverage provided by LRBOI through Humana is a PPO (preferred provider organization) that allows our members to access care in or out of network, for any provider that participates and is in good standing with original Medicare. Regardless of contracts between Humana and Trinity, you may seek treatment through Trinity providers IF that provider participates with Medicare; that is, receives reimbursement from Medicare.

Please be assured that Little River works diligently with our service providers to ensure the programs selected are suited to best serve the diverse needs of our valued elders, across the country, wherever they may live.

Thank you for using the Elders insurance benefit, and information will be made available regarding this situation.

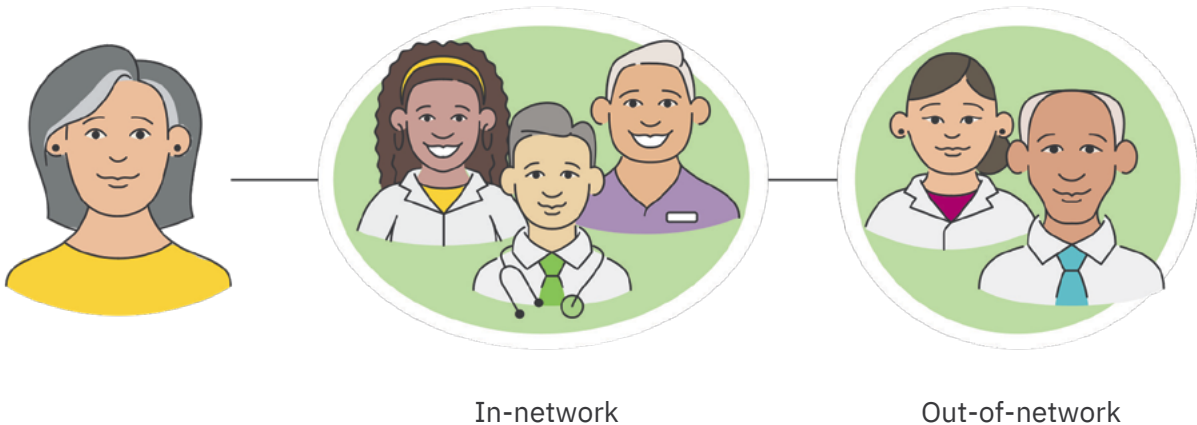
The next two pages are from the Humana PPO Guide, provided for your convenience.

How your PPO plan works

Preferred provider organization (PPO) plans give you the freedom to get care in- or out-of-network. Your benefit plan coverage remains the same, even if you receive care from an out-of-network provider. For more information, refer to your Summary of Benefits located in this packet.

Using a PPO plan

- You'll have a PCP who will help you manage your care, will get to know your overall health history and can guide you toward preventive care to help you be healthy and active.
- You can use any provider who is part of our network, or you can use any provider who accepts Medicare and agrees to bill Humana.
- Your plan doesn't require referrals to see other providers, but your PCP can help guide you when you need specialized care.
- Humana Medicare PPO network providers must take payment from Humana for treating plan members.
- Humana supplies in-network providers with information about services and programs available to patients with chronic conditions.



Medical preauthorization

For certain services and procedures, your provider or hospital may need to get advance approval from Humana before your plan will cover any costs. This is called prior authorization or preauthorization. Providers or hospitals will submit the preauthorization request to Humana. If your provider hasn't done this, please call our Customer Care team, as Humana may not be able to pay for these services.

Having a provider you're happy with can play an important role in your health and meeting your needs

If your healthcare provider says they do not accept Humana insurance, give them this flyer.

Once you are a member of the Humana Group Medicare Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan, sharing this information can help your provider understand how this plan works.



Don't forget to take your Humana member ID card to your first appointment.

A message for your provider

Humana will provide coverage for this retiree under a Group Medicare PPO plan. The in-network and out-of-network benefits are structured the same for any member of this plan. This means you can provide services to this retiree or any member of this plan if you are a provider who is eligible to participate in Medicare.

Contracted healthcare providers

If you're a Humana Medicare Employer PPO-contracted healthcare provider, you'll receive your contracted rate.

Out-of-network healthcare providers

Humana is dedicated to an easy transition. If you're a provider who is eligible to participate in Medicare, you can treat and receive payment for your Humana-covered patients who have this plan. Humana pays providers according to the Original Medicare fee schedule less any member plan responsibility.



Claims process for providers

If you need more information about our claims processes or about becoming a Humana Medicare Employer PPO-contracted provider, call Provider Relations at **800-626-2741**, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Eastern time. **This number is not for patient use.**

Patients, please call the Group Medicare Customer Care number on the back of your Humana member ID card.



REQUIREMENTS

Housing for income qualified individuals and families.

Barrier free units are available for those with mobility impairments.

SAMARITAS of SPRING LAKE

Samaritas Spring Lake is a community which offers the opportunity to be actively involved with others while maintaining ones privacy.

Our community features 53 onebedroom & two-bedroom apartments located at 734 Savidge Street in downtown Spring Lake, and is expected to be completed in Early 2025.

We anticipate accepting applications for tenancy in November 2024. Please watch our website at Samaritas.org for the exact date we will accept applications.

Applicants must be 18 or older and meet MSHDA income guidelines. Rent includes water and trash disposal. Electricity and heat are billed separately.

ALL ARE WELCOME



Samaritas of Spring Lake welcomes all people who meet the MSHDA requirements for this property, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, national origin or sexual orientation.



Apartment Features

- Energy efficient appliances
- Air conditioning with individual thermostat control
- Smoke detectors
- Security cameras
- Self-defrost refrigerator
- Cable TV access
- Carpeting
- Phone jacks
- Washer/Dryer in every apartment
- Dishwasher in every apartment

Community Features

- Water and trash included
- Elevator
- Locked entrances and intercom system entry
- Key tag (keyless) entry to building
- Six barrier-free units
- Dining/meeting room
- Community lounge and library
- On-site laundry facility
- On-site management staff
- Outdoor courtyard and walking path
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station

LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS

**HAS BEEN AWARDED ON 8 LOW INCOME HOUSING UNITS
SINCE 2020**



**Lenard Apts.
Grand Rapids**



**First Hope Apts.
Spring Lake**



**Amity Commons and Allen Crossings
Muskegon**



**Lofts of Muskegon
Muskegon**



**Hillcrest Apts.
Manistee**



**Westshore Apts.
Muskegon**



**Kollen Park Hope Apts
Holland**

We are now accepting applications for vacancies for Tribal Citizens and Descendants within these properties.



SCAN ME

Fill Out Waiting List Application

Hillcrest Apartments opened in 2022, First Hope Apartments and Lenard Apartments will open in 2025 and the other five projects opening in 2026.

If you are interested in submitting an application please reach out to us by email or phone.

Email: lrd@lrhedc.com

Phone: 231-794-8478

WITH HOPES OF RECEIVING FUNDING ON NEW PROJECTS IN OCTOBER



FAMILY OWNED  AUTO REPAIR

Gremore Garage is a family owned and operated business that offers a small town feel. Both Dylan and wife Tianna are committed to providing the highest quality of automotive services.

Owner and lead mechanic Dylan Gremore is master certified, and ASE certified with over a decade in the trade. He started his career here in Manistee and is excited to be back and service the fine people of this community once again.

Stop by or give us a call to schedule your vehicle for an inspection.

We are located at 1200 28th St. Manistee, across the street from the Filer Credit Union on the south side of town.

Present your Tribal ID and receive 10% off on parts.

For more information, please visit <https://www.gremoregarage.com>

Brakes 

Suspension 

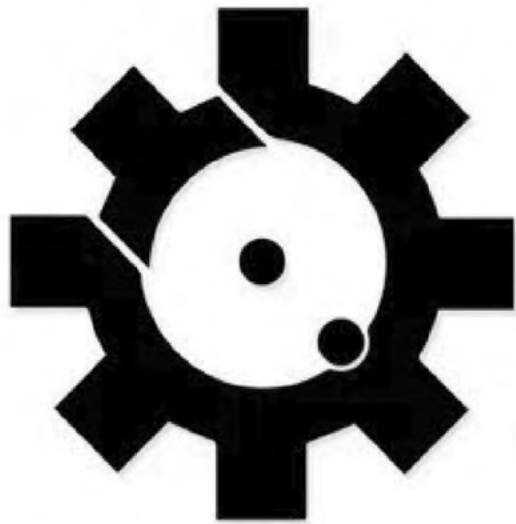
Steering 

A/C Repair 

General Maintenance 

Suspension 

**BOOK NOW
231-299-1355**



TACTICAL TREATS

USCCA Accredited CPL Instruction

Weekly Classes

1. Basic Hand Gun knowledge & Cleaning

This class will show the student the differences in Hand Gun calibers, their uses & effectiveness. There will be no live ammunition in class! (snap caps only) Basic mechanics of how most hand guns function.

We will also be covering types of Holsters, Hand Gun cleaning & effective Storage,

2. Dry Fire Laser Training

This class will help improve Handgun accuracy & Trigger control using Snap caps, Striker caps & Lasers in conjunction with an elite shooting performance system designed to increase consistency by recording shot by shot analysis. The student will see in real time their subtle hand movements & learn " Proper Grip" "Avoiding Recoil Anticipation" "Trigger Press Movement" "Follow Through" Just to name a few.

3. CPL Certification Class

Successful completion of this class will allow you to apply for a Concealed Carry Permit (CCW). See MI state laws.

4. CPL RENEWAL Certification Class

Successful completion of this 4 hr.class will allow you to re-apply for a Concealed Carry Permit (CCW). See MI state laws.

**TO SIGN UP FOR A CLASS GO TO: [USCCATRaining.COM](https://usccatraining.com)
OR CHECK OUT MY WEBSITE [TACTICALTREATS.COM](https://tacticaltreats.com)
OR FEEL FREE TO GIVE ME A CALL, (231)220-5207**

Kequom's Crafts

Native Made

- Turtle bags
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- Beaded earrings
- Feather earrings
- Bracelets
- Beaded necklaces

Email Steve at
terriebrodock@yahoo.com





Harper Lou's Bowtique

When in doubt put a bow on it



Aanii, My name is Sara Crampton and I am a LRBOI tribal member. I'm a stay at home Mother to three beautiful children and recently I've turned a hobby of mine into a small business. I started making hair bows for my Daughter because I wanted her to have bows that matched every single outfit, sport, or event she did. We got so many compliments everywhere we went that I decided to start making them for everyone to enjoy. I use vegan leather and love to make polymer clay accessories to make my bows unique. I strive to take custom orders and to make sure you have a bow for every outfit and occasion. We can be found on Facebook and Instagram at Harper Lou's Bowtique and reached at ThatBowThough23@gmail.com for any inquiries.

