

STÁUTW FIRST NATION

NEWSLETTER

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April 2026



STÁUTW Wins Housing Award!

STÁUTW has won the First Nations Community Award for its Multiplex Housing Project, a culturally grounded initiative delivering sustainable, high-quality homes for families, Elders, and single members.

Read more about this award on page 8.

Community Spring Clean-up

Spring Community Clean-Up is happening between May 4-15th. This event will provide opportunities to participate in property clean-up, receive support, and even win prizes. Learn More on page 3.



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STÁUTW First Nation Celebrates



Invasive Species Removal at TIXEN 'Cordova Spit'

9:30am-9:45am - Meet & Greet
9:45am-10:00am - Elder Protocol & Blessing
10:00am-10:15am - Transition to Removal Site
10:15am-12:00am - Invasive Removal
12:00am-12:30pm - Biomass Removal
12:30pm - Closing

- ✓ **Dress for the weather & Sturdy shoes**
- ✓ **Meet near Sewage Treatment Plant**
- ✓ **Tools & Gloves will be provided**
- ✓ **Snacks and drinks provided!**
- ✓ **Parking Available!**

Over the last year, we have removed well over 5,000+ pounds of biomass!!!

Register

NOW



Everyone Welcome!
2798 Sa Su Rd.
(coordinates: 48°35'20.5"N
123°22'17.5"W)
For more information, Please Contact:
STÁUTW First Nation
250-652-9101, ext. 324





2026 SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

TOGETHER WE CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

1. EDUCATION NIGHT

Learn & Connect
Tsawout Gymnasium | 5PM Monday, April 27th
Dinner and Door prizes including **LawnMower**

2. CLEAN UP & FREE STORE

Spring Clean Up & Community Free Store Day
Tsawout Longhouse Parking Area
May 4-15th, 2026

3. WIN PRIZES!

Community Transformation Contest
📷 Before photo by May 8 · After photo by May 18
3 prize categories · Open to STAUTW Members on Reserve

See Details On Our Website:
<https://tsawout.ca/>




STAUTW Spring Community Clean up

JOIN US FOR

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

EDUCATION NIGHT

Come learn about this years community clean up!!
Dinner at 5 pm
Fun door prizes!! including Lawn mower!

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Mon, 27 April	5pm-7pm	Tsawout Gym




STAUTW Spring Community Clean up

SPRING CLEANUP & COMMUNITY FREE STORE

Location: Tsawout Longhouse parking area
Date: May 4-15, 2026 (except Sunday, May 10)

📷 **First 100 households receive a \$25 gift card** — STAUTW members only, One per household on reserve. See details on our website.

🗑️ **Drop Off Stewardship Items**

- Furniture, appliances, mattresses, e-waste, yard debris & tyres
- No construction materials
- Small items: sorted or in white garbage bags provided

🏠 **Community Free Store**

- Bring items to give away or take what you need
- e.g: Lawn mowers, tools, toys, books, furniture & more
- Items must be clean & pest-free





STAUTW Spring Community Clean up

Community Transformation Contest

OPEN TO ALL REGISTERED MEMEBERS LIVING ON-RESERVE

- 🏠 **Best Indoor Clean-up:** Shark Vacuum
- 🌿 **Best Outdoor Clean-up:** Lawn Mower
- 🌟 **Most DRASTIC Change:** BlackStone BBQ

How to Enter — 3 Easy Steps:

- 📷 **Step 1** Take a BEFORE photo of your space Deadline: May 8th, 2026
- 🗑️ **Step 2** Clean up between May 4 - 15, 2026
- 📷 **Step 3** Take an AFTER photo & submit Deadline: May 18th, 2026

Submit via Email below or the QR code below
Email at: Projectmanager@tsawout.ca




Community News

STÁUTW Road Now Re-opened!

We would like to thank everyone for their patience during the road closure. As of March 31, 2026, it is now re-opened!

New STÁUTW Childcare Centre Update

Stautw Road is now open! Reopened as of March 31st

Thank you to everyone in our community for your patience and understanding during the road closure. Your cooperation made all the difference.

We're happy to share that the wood from the site will be put to good use — some will be milled and used in the new Childcare Centre building, and the rest has been given to the Longhouse.

A big thank you to the crew, our community, and everyone who adapted during this time.

Thank you for your patience, HÍSWKE

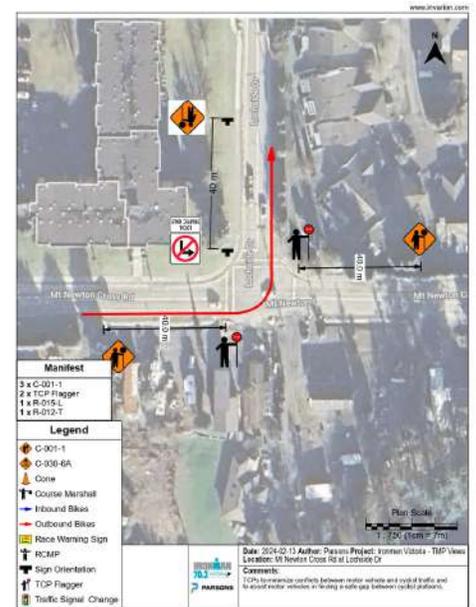
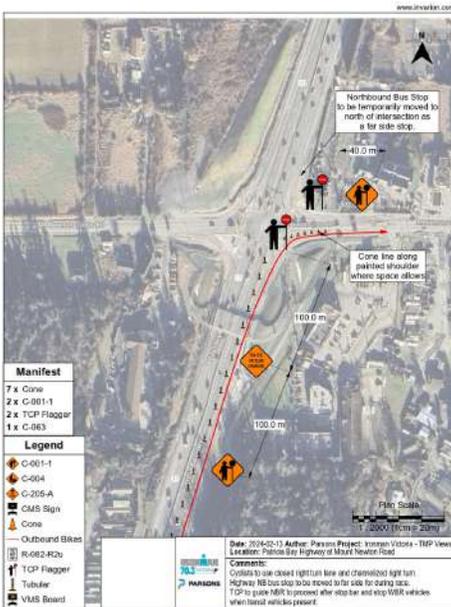
Community News & Events

Iron Man Traffic Management Plan - May 25, 2026

On May 25, 2026 the Iron Man competition will once again be using Mount Newton X, onto Lochside. Please take a look at the following maps to view the bike route. There will be traffic controllers at Mt. Newton for the bike leg of the race.



Figure 2: 2025 IRONMAN 70.3 Bike Course



Community News & Events

Logs Available

There are logs available beside the wastewater treatment plant for those interested in processing firewood for their household.

Please note the following:

- This is for STÁUTW Members only
- The wood is not to be collected for resale-All cutting is done at your own risk
- We are not liable for any injuries

Safe Working Practices:

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (helmet, eye/face protection, gloves, chainsaw chaps, and steel-toe boots)
- Ensure you are trained and comfortable using any equipment, especially chainsaws
- Inspect tools and equipment before use to ensure they are in safe working condition
- Maintain a safe distance from others while cutting or moving logs
- Be aware of unstable logs, uneven ground, and overhead hazards
- Never work alone if possible. Have someone nearby or let others know your location
- Take your time and avoid rushing to reduce the risk of injury
- Please use caution and follow safe practices when collecting and processing the wood.



Community News & Events

Call for Applications: WSÁNEĆ Artist in Residence

Posting Date: **March 13, 2026**

Closing Date: **April 3, 2026**

School District No. 63 (Saanich) seeks an **Artist in Residence** from the local WSÁNEĆ community to carve a **House Post** for Stelly's Secondary School to help celebrate the school's 50th anniversary in September 2027.

The artist will provide a valuable link between Stelly's Secondary School and the local First Nations communities.

The artist will interact with students and staff both informally and through organized presentations and on-site carving. The installation of the finished carving will occur in July/August, 2027.

School District No. 63 (Saanich) welcomes applications from experienced First Nations artists willing to share the carving process with the Stelly's Community.

Contact: Indigenous Education Services
School District No. 63 (Saanich)
Telephone: (250)-652-7321
Email: sburton@saanichschools.ca



April ID Clinics

April 8th, 2026

11:00am-3:00pm

STÁUTW Multipurpose Room

April 15th, 2026

1:00pm - 3:00pm

SVDP Social Concern Office ID Clinic

April 23rd, 2026

12:00pm - 2:30pm

Greater Victoria Public Library Clinic



Affordable Rental Housing Wins First Nation Housing Community Award!

STÁUTW has won the First Nations Community Awards for its Multiplex Housing Project, a culturally grounded initiative delivering 56 new homes for families, Elders, and single members. Guided by long-term vision and community values, the project reflects Coast Salish design principles while addressing housing needs through sustainable, high-quality homes that support connection, wellbeing, and future generations.

Congratulations!



Scan QR code to read full article.



Updated Multiplex Photos

Multiplex work is underway! Take a look at the progress so far.



Affordable Rental Housing - STÁUTW Housing Association Multiplex (Phase 1)

Now Accepting Applications – The STÁUTW Housing Association is proud to offer affordable rental housing designed to support community connection, cultural grounding, and quality living on WSÁNEĆ Territory.

This development provides safe, modern homes for STÁUTW members and Indigenous community members, creating opportunities to live closer to family, community, and the land.

Priority: ★ STÁUTW members – on or off reserve

Also Available: ♦ Indigenous Community Members

Type: 🏠 Affordable Rental Housing

AVAILABLE UNIT TYPES

1 Bedroom
ONE BEDROOM UNIT

1 Unit - Applying Now

Size
650-800 sq. ft.

EST. RENT
\$1,500
per month

2 Bedroom
TWO BEDROOM UNIT

4 Units - Applying Now

Size
800-950 sq. ft.

EST. RENT
\$1,650
per month

"The land remembers you. Now there's a place for you on it."

HOW TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION

- 1 CONTACT US**
Reach out by email or visit the Housing Association office
- 2 APPLY ONLINE**
Visit tsawout.ca/housing and click "Apply Now"
- 3 COMPLETE & SUBMIT**
Fill out your application and return it to the Housing Association
- 4 REVIEW PROCESS**
Applications are reviewed and STÁUTW members are matched to suitable units

COMING FALL / WINTER 2026

Phase 2 of the Tsawout Housing Association Multiplex is on the horizon
Bringing **different types of housing options** designed to serve a wider range of STÁUTW members' needs.
Stay connected for updates.

EMAIL: HousingAssociation@tsawout.ca

APPLY ONLINE: tsawout.ca/housing/apply-now

APPLICATIONS: Additional Applications Open

How to Apply

1. Contact the Housing Association
2. Apply online: tsawout.ca/housing
3. Complete and submit your application
4. Applications will be reviewed and matched to available units

Scan for more
information



THERE ARE OTHERS WHO ARE ON A SIMILAR JOURNEY AS YOU...

WALK WITH SOBRIETY



A group for community members and peers to support one another.



*** WEDNESDAYS 5-7PM**
MEET AT WELLNESS BUILDING



PLEASE REACH OUT TO JOHN AT 250-896-1566



Health News

HEALING THE STIGMA OF SUBSTANCE USE

STÁUTW STAFF & COMMUNITY EDUCATION/TRAINING

MAY 2026

13 & 14 FOR STAFF - AUDITORIUM

20 & 21 FOR COMMUNITY - GYMNASIUM

10 AM -4 PM EACH DAY

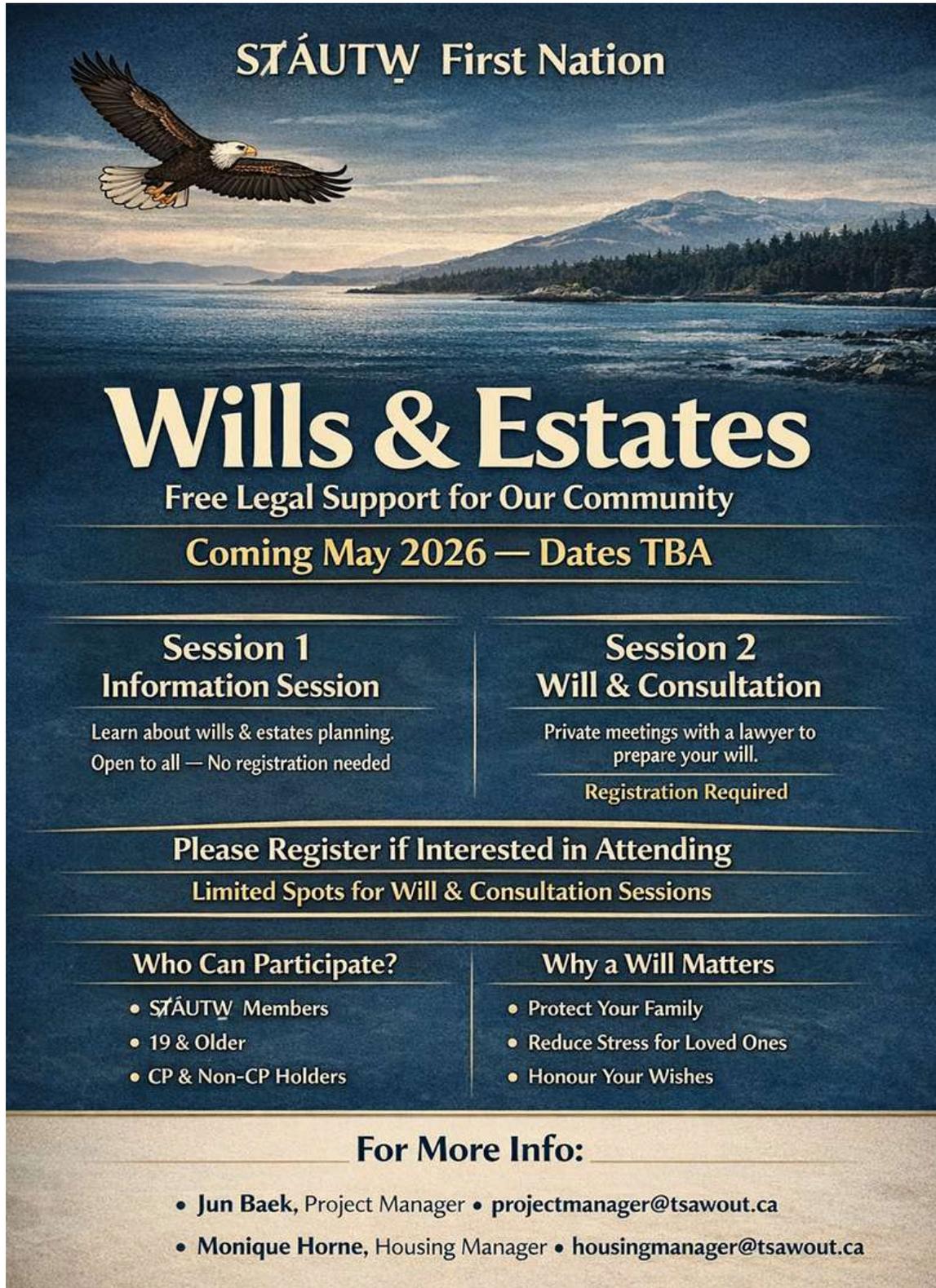


STÁUTW Health & FNHA Educators invites all staff and community members to participate in a 2 day education series on how to use Naloxone Kits and reduce negative stigma and language around substance use.

Please reach out to CHN Laurie for sign-up at (250) 652-1149.

Wills & Estates – Free Legal Support

Free legal support will be available to our community. Visit our website by scanning the QR code to learn more.



STÁUTW First Nation

Wills & Estates

Free Legal Support for Our Community
Coming May 2026 — Dates TBA

<h3>Session 1 Information Session</h3> <p>Learn about wills & estates planning. Open to all — No registration needed</p>	<h3>Session 2 Will & Consultation</h3> <p>Private meetings with a lawyer to prepare your will. Registration Required</p>
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Please Register if Interested in Attending
Limited Spots for Will & Consultation Sessions

<h3>Who Can Participate?</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STÁUTW Members• 19 & Older• CP & Non-CP Holders	<h3>Why a Will Matters</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protect Your Family• Reduce Stress for Loved Ones• Honour Your Wishes
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For More Info:

- Jun Baek, Project Manager • projectmanager@tsawout.ca
- Monique Horne, Housing Manager • housingmanager@tsawout.ca

READY, SET, LEARN!

A Free Event for Families with Children Ages 3–5



Fun For Kids!

- Hands-on learning stations
- Live children's performers
- **Early Learning Gift Bag** for each child (ages 3 - pre K)



Support for Families

- Connect with community supports and local schools
- Free, family-friendly meal
- Fresh produce bags to take home
- **Prize draws for family fun!**



Event Details



Tsawout Gymnasium
7728 Tetayut Road, Saanichton



April 16, 2026



4:30–6:30 PM



Scan to Register!

Pre-registered families
entered in a prize draw!

Need transportation? We can help!



250-652-7368



cablitt@saanichschools.ca



HÍSWŪKE – Thank you to STÁUTW (Tsawout First Nation)
for hosting this event.



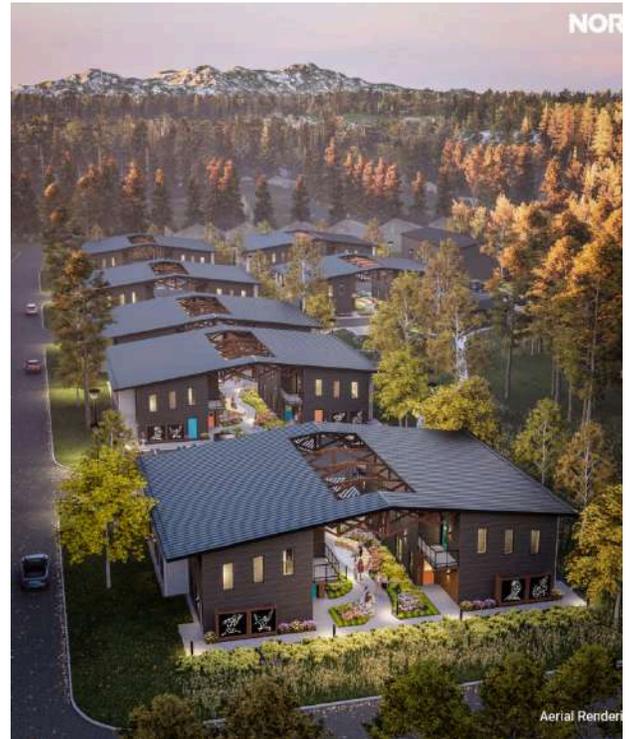
Community Surveys

Demographic Housing Survey

Your input is important! This survey focuses on current housing conditions in STÁUTW, including overcrowding, the need for repairs or renovations, accessibility and opportunities for future housing development.

This will help guide applications for funding to support home repairs, renovations, and the development of additional housing. Your responses will directly support planning efforts to strengthen and improve housing for our community.

Each survey entry is eligible for a **\$50 Thrifty Foods** Gift Card (limited to one entry per household).



**SCAN QR CODE FOR
DEMOGRAPHIC
SURVEY**

CRD and BC Transit Survey for Community Members

The CRD and BC Transit are seeking input from STÁUTW community members regarding your goals and priorities for the Victoria Regional Transit System within the community.

This survey is an opportunity to provide feedback on the transit system and to identify areas for improvement. The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.



**Scan the QR code to
take the survey.**

Youth Calendar



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2026

PEXSISEN

April

YOUTH PROGRAM CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Youth Drop in 3pm - 5pm	2 Homework Club 4pm - 6pm	3 GOOD FRIDAY (HOLIDAY)	4 Holiday
5 Easter Sunday	6 Easter Monday	7 SENCOTEN Class 3pm - 5pm	8 Panorama swim night 5pm-7pm	9 Homework Club 4pm - 6pm	10 Youth Drop in 3pm - 5pm	11
12	13 Youth Drop in Weight Room 4pm- 5pm	14 SENCOTEN Class 3pm - 5pm	15 Youth Drop in 3pm -5pm	16 Homework Club 4pm - 6pm	17 Youth Drop in 3pm - 5pm	18
19	20 Pro D Day Silvercity Movie Day	21 SENCOTEN Class 3pm - 5pm	22 Youth Drop in 3pm -5pm	23 Homework Club 4pm - 6pm	24 Youth Drop in 3pm - 5pm	25
26	27 Youth Drop in Weight Room 4pm- 5pm	28 SENCOTEN Class 3pm - 5pm	29 Youth Drop in 3pm -5pm	30 Homework Club 4pm - 6pm		

Elder's Calendar



2026

PEXSISEN April

Elder's program Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 GOOD FRIDAY (HOLIDAY)	4 Holiday
5 Easter Sunday	6 Easter Monday	7	8 bannock and tea 9-11 info session on pension and wellness	9 Elders craft drop in 2pm-6pm	10 Auditorium - CRA TAXES SUPPORT 10am-3pm	11
12	13 Elders craft drop in 2pm-6pm	14 Elder's Story Telling 10am - 2pm	15	16	17 Elder's Breakfast 8:30am - 11am Wellness Building	18
19	20 AQUAFIT 12pm - 1pm	21 William Head Visitor's 9am - 2pm	22 William Head Visitor's 9am - 2pm Bannock and Tea 9am - 11am	23 Elders craft drop in 2pm-6pm	24	25
26	27 Elders craft drop in 2pm-6pm	28 Elder's Self Care Day 9am - 2:30pm	29 Port Alberni Elder's Luncheon TBD	30		

Garbage, Compost & Recycling

April 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 	7 	8	9	10	11
12	13 	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 	21 	22	23	24	25
26	27 	28	29	30		

Garbage Pickup: Garbage and compost is managed by CCR and picked up every Monday

Recycling (Bi-weekly): If your recycling is missed or not picked up, call Emterra at 250-385-4399. Call by 11:00 AM the next day and they'll most likely be able to do a pick-up. If later, it would have to wait until the next pick-up date.

Reminder that the Heavy Garbage Program has ended. Please do not leave heavy garbage on the side of the road. We continue to clean up the dumpsite on Longhouse Road from the previous years programs. Please discard your heavy garbage at local metal recycle or Hartland Landfill.