

Summer Floral Celebration at the International Peace Garden



The Summer Floral Celebration on Saturday, August 8 at the International Peace Garden will feature a full day of fun events including the annual Handshake Across the Border, songwriting workshops, concerts, a classic car show, kids’ activities and more. This year’s Garden theme, “Celebrating Pollinators,” will be emphasized in tours, art projects and interactive experiences for the whole family.

“Our Summer Floral Celebration is always a great time to see the Garden in the height of its bloom,” said Tim Chapman, Peace Garden CEO. “While every season has its beauty, the colors this time of year are spectacular. With our pollinator theme, visitors will gain a new understanding of the connections of nature that make these plants and flowers possible, and the importance of conservation and stewardship that’s at the heart of our mission.”

The day’s activities include:

- 9:00 – 10:30 AM: Songwriting Workshop with Jim McMahon and Pat Phillips of the Peace Garden Collective, Willis Pavillon, Free Registration. This workshop is open to participants of all ages and all abilities.
- 11:00 – 11:30 AM: Handshake Across the Border, Upper Terrace to Cairn

Unlike any other place in the world, the Garden symbolizes the open and peaceful relationship between our nations, welcoming visitors from both sides—without barriers in the longest unfortified border in the world. Gathering to shake hands across that border lets visitors participate in the long-standing friendship that’s the foundation of the Garden.

- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Songwriting Workshop with Danny Savage of the MoonCats, Willis Pavillon, Free Registration. All ages and all levels of musical experi-



ence, from novice to professional, are welcome.

- 1:00 – 2:30 PM: Concert by the Peace Garden Collective, Upper Terrace or Burdick Center
- 3:30 – 5:00 PM: Concert by the MoonCats, Upper Terrace or Burdick Center

- Ongoing activities from 9 AM to 5 PM include a classic car show, guided Garden tours, a scavenger hunt and other activities for kids, hands-on craft projects with a pollinator theme, and a variety of vendors offering arts and crafts, along with delicious options for food and beverages. See the full event schedule on our website. Reservations are available for camping spots in the Garden, and for dorm rooms at the International Music Camp.



Feds encourage public housing authorities to impose work rules, time limits



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is currently finalizing a rule that would allow public housing authorities and property owners who participate in federal housing voucher programs to impose work requirements and time limits on aid recipients. (Photo courtesy of HUD Office of Public Affairs)

BY ROBBIE SEQUEIRA

Dozens of public housing authorities, tribes, property owners and community groups have joined a new coalition organized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to promote work requirements and time limits for people who receive federal housing help.

HUD is currently finalizing a rule that would allow public housing authorities and property owners who participate in federal housing voucher programs to impose work requirements and time limits on work-ready adults, or working-age adults (younger than 62) who are not disabled.

The federal agency says members of the coalition support the idea of giving housing authorities and providers discretion to require work of up to 40 hours per week for nonelderly, nondisabled adults, supplementing those rules with job training and other supportive services.

HUD argues that current housing policies discourage work and self-sufficiency, and extend the amount of time that people remain on housing assistance. In a social media post, Public and Indian Housing Assistant Secretary Ben Hobbs said the new requirements could generate over \$500 million in new resident income.

In 2023, 31% of the people receiving federal housing assistance were nonelderly, nondisabled adults. Of that group, 44% were working and 56% were not, according to a 2025 report by the Congressional Research Service.

More than a hundred public housing authorities, tribes, property owners and community groups have joined the Work & Dignity Coalition, according to HUD. The National Housing Law Project, a nonprofit that advocates for more low-income housing, produced a list of 58 entities, including the public housing authorities in Fort Worth, Jacksonville, Orlando, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Tampa.

Less than 1% of public housing authorities, known as Moving-to-Work agencies, are currently allowed to impose time limits or work requirements on people receiving housing assistance. HUD cites Champaign County, Illinois — which requires each able-bodied adult to work or be in school for at least 15 hours per week, and each household to generate 30 hours of work income at the minimum wage.

“I think that the important thing to note is that this is all about self-sufficiency, even if there might be some fear over what is required and how that would affect their housing,” said Peyton Pannell-Johnson, a spokesperson for the

Housing Authority of Champaign County. “There is a team that needs to connect people to work, and then a team that follows up with each client.”

But housing advocates argue that the proposed requirements will make it more difficult for people to keep their housing assistance. The Congressional Research Service also warned in its 2025 report that imposing work requirements on federal aid recipients often trips up people who are working already.

“Work requirements can increase the burden for working recipients to prove that they remain eligible for benefits by requiring that they produce additional or more frequent information about their wages and hours,” the research agency stated. “There is an inherent tension between helping families meet their basic needs and promoting work in low-income assistance programs.”

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians is requesting sealed bids for the following:

- Demolition and Site Preparation
- Sidewalk Paving
- Seeding and Mulching

Please Contact Curtis Keplin (curtis.keplin@bie.edu) or Tyson Jeannotte at O: 701-499-2089 (tjeannotte@houstoneng.com) for the specification regarding this project.

Project manual can also be obtained from Quest CDN at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan by inputting Quest project # 10267468 on the website’s Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in a free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

Bidder is required to include a 3% TERO Fee and 1% EPA Fee to bids 10,000 or more. Each Prime Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in form and amount required by Invitation to Bid pledging that the Bidder will enter into a Contract with Owner on terms stated in his Bid and will furnish bonds as described in the Conditions of The Contract covering faithful performance of Contract and payment of all obligations arising thereunder. Should bidder refuse to enter into such Contract or fail to furnish such bonds, amount of bid security shall be forfeited to Owner as liquidated damages, not as penalty.

Must specify 3% TERO Fee
Must specify 1% EPA Fee

All bids should be accompanied by proof of liability insurance and a bid bond of 20%

All seal bids should be address and mailed to:
Turtle Mountain Property Department
Attn: Alan Malaterre
4180 Highway 281
PO Box 900
Belcourt, ND 58316

No faxed or email bid proposals will be accepted.

All Tribal and TERO Regulations will be applicable and must be concurred with.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid proposals and readvertise when it is in the best interest of the tribe.

All bid proposals must be received no later than 1:00 p.m. (CST) July 27, 2026

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Department of Natural Resources is requesting sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new compact telehandler for use in forestry operations, tree trimming, wildfire mitigation, park maintenance, trail construction, habitat restoration, material handling, and general public works activities.

The machine offered shall be new, unused, current production, and meet or exceed the following minimum specifications.

One (1) New Compact Telehandler:
General Specifications

- Four-wheel drive
- Four-wheel steering with multiple steering modes
- Hydrostatic transmission or equivalent
- Diesel engine
- EPA Final Tier 4 compliant
- Minimum 70 horsepower
- Operating weight between 15,000 and 20,000 pounds

Performance Requirements

- Minimum lift capacity: **6,500 pounds**
- Minimum lift height: **42 feet**
- Forward reach: Minimum 28 feet
- Lift capacity maintained throughout operating range in accordance with manufacturer specifications
- Frame leveling system

Attachments Included

Machine shall include the following attachments:

- Heavy-duty pallet forks
- General-purpose bucket (minimum 1.5 cubic yards)
- Hydraulic grapple bucket
- Hydraulic root grapple
- Hydraulic brush grapple
- Personnel work platform meeting OSHA requirements
- Tree boom/jib attachment with lifting hook

Forestry Requirements

Machine shall be capable of:

- Loading logs
- Moving brush piles
- Handling trees
- Assisting with tree trimming
- Supporting wildfire suppression operations
- Loading trailers
- Handling pallets of seed, fencing materials, culverts, and construction supplies
- Operating on rough terrain, trails, and park roads

Optional Bid Items

Provide pricing for the following options separately:

- Hydraulic forestry winch attachment
- Tree shear attachment
- Rotary brush cutter attachment
- Stump bucket
- Auger drive with assorted bits
- Snow bucket

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE BOOM, HYDRAULICS, CAB, TIRES, SAFETY EQUIPMENT, WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS, TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TM NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR, JEFF DESJARLAIS AT 701 477-2640.

Bidder is required to include 3% TERO Fee to bid of \$10,000.00 or more.
Must specify 3% TERO Fee.

All sealed bids must be addressed and mailed to:
Allan Malaterre, TM Property Director
PO Box 900
4180 Highway 281
Belcourt, ND 58316-0900
Contact No: 701 477-2635
Faxed bids will not be accepted.

All Tribal and TERO Regulations will be applicable, and must be concurred with. The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Closing Date: All bids must be received on or before the close of business at 4:30 p.m., July 17, 2026.