

June 29th, 2023



MATTAPONI TRIBAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER

Friendly Reminder: Tribal Council Election

Mattaponi Voting Residents - Voting elections for Tribal Chief, Assistant Chief, and Council will be held on July 22, 2023, at the Tribal Community Center from 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

25th Annual Mattaponi Pow Wow

The Mattaponi Indian Tribe held their 25th Annual Powwow on June 17th, 2023. The event had an amazing turn out with over 2,000 spectators. The powwow highlighted Native American dancing, drumming, vendors, and food. We would like to thank all volunteers who helped make this day possible. The Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation would also like to thank Dominion Energy for their generous contribution and donation to our event. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Mattaponi Oral History Interviews

We are continuing to interview tribal members for the Mattaponi oral history project as part of the Petition for Federal Acknowledgement. The petition office will continue reaching out to tribal citizens to schedule interviews. if you'd like to volunteer to be interviewed, please contact the tribal office at 804-353-5908.

Summer Intern

Elizabeth Davis joined the Tribal office as a part-time summer intern funded by the MPM program. She graduated High School from West Point High School in 2023. She is a Mattaponi Tribal Citizen. Elizabeth grew up visiting family on the Reservation and has participated in annual pow wows, cultural classes, and other events for tribal citizens.



Elizabeth Davis

Mattaponi Tribal Citizen Appreciation Day!

The Tribal council would like to invite everyone to the Mattaponi Tribal Citizen Appreciation Day Celebration. This event will be held on July 8th, 2023, beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Community Center on the Reservation, with fireworks starting at 9:00 P.M. The Tribe will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs. If you would like to contribute a side dish, that would be appreciated. All Mattaponi members, families, and friends are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Mattaponi Cultural Class

The last part of the cultural class was held on June 3rd, 2023. This class focused on brain tanning of a deer hide and basket weaving from poplar trees. Thank you to Samuel McGowan and everyone who participated in this hands-on, traditional class. We look forward to hosting more classes in the future.



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