



August 25th, 2023

MATTAPONI TRIBAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER

Open Enrollment

The Mattaponi Petition Office is holding an Open House Event on Saturday, September 16th, 2023, from 10 A.M.-1 P.M. to assist all Mattaponi lineal descendants on completing their enrollment files. All necessary criteria can be found on our website, mattaponination.com. Please bring any and all documents you have that show Mattaponi lineal descent. If you have any questions, please contact our Enrollment Specialist, Olivia Garcia via email at olivia.garcia@mattaponination.com or call the office, 804-353-5908.

91st Annual Mattaponi Homecoming

Reminder! The Mattaponi Baptist Church will be hosting the 91st Annual Mattaponi Homecoming on Sunday, August 27th, 2023. The Church service will start at 11:00 A.M. with lunch following immediately after, on the church grounds. The afternoon song service will begin at 2 P.M. We look forward to celebrating this traditional event with family and friends.



Painted stone found at the Mattaponi Clean-up



Aerial view of the Mattaponi Indian Baptist Church

Thank you!

We appreciate everyone that could make it to the clean-up day on Saturday, August 19th, 2023, at the Mattaponi Indian Baptist Church. On Saturday, August 26th, 2023, at 8:00 A.M., anyone who would like to volunteer to put the final touches in place while preparing for our annual Homecoming service will be much appreciated!

Exciting News!

The Mattaponi Tribal Council would like to make everyone aware that our Temporary Environmental Office Trailer is has been delivered across from the Trading Post. This will officially establish our Tribal Environmental Office and kickoff our river shoreline restoration project. The Interview process for the two environmental tribal positions has begun and set up for the office will be taking place in the next couple of weeks.



Temporary Environmental Office Trailer

Mattaponi Community Garden

The Sunflowers, Corn, and Melons are in full bloom in the Mattaponi Indian Tribe's Community Garden. The Mattaponi utilize sunflowers for many purposes; oil, flour, medicinal properties, and also a snack . Just as important, sunflowers are a symbol of positivity and remind us to look to the bright side as we maneuver through this journey called life.

****Thanks to Tony Waldrop for plowing the garden and planting the sunflowers.****



Watermelons



Sunflowers

Great Happenings!

Latest news on the Algonquin Roundtable Language Project

Powhatan Algonquin Intertribal Roundtable Language Revitalization Program

Vision: To be one with our ancestors by awakening the art of communication in a meaningful and intentional direction that will never sleep again.

- Providing Powhatan language teaching & learning opportunities to all of Virginia's Algonquian tribes
- Intertribal effort
- Grant-funded for three years
- Website forthcoming



If you would like to participate or have questions, contact your Roundtable representative:

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Participating tribes include:

- Chickahominy
- Chickahominy – Eastern Division
- Mattaponi
- Nansemond
- Pamunkey
- Patawomeck
- Rappahannock
- Upper Mattaponi

Kenah!