

September 22nd, 2023



MATTAPONI TRIBAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER

Housing Survey

ATTENTION ALL ENROLLED MATTAPONI CITIZENS Please take 5 to 10 minutes and complete the survey at the link provided.

SURVEY LINK:

<https://forms.office.com/r/tw1iEUZRYU>

or you can visit the **Mattaponi Indian Tribe & Reservation (Official) Facebook page for the survey link.**

The Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation is developing a grant application to secure funds to rehabilitate and improve tribal homes and properties on and off the Reservation. All the information will be kept confidential and will only be utilized to determine the scope and scale of the Tribe's housing needs. We ask for your feedback so we can ensure the needs of our citizens are addressed. If you have any questions or need assistance with filling out the Housing Survey, please contact the tribal office. This survey is for **MATTAPONI ENROLLED CITIZENS ONLY**. **This survey will close out the morning of Monday, September 25th, 2023.**

VTEC Conference

The Virginia Tribal Education Consortium (VTEC) is hosting an annual conference which focuses on "Preserving our Legacy Through Education." Enrolled Mattaponi Tribal citizen, Samuel McGowan, will be one of the keynote speakers at this event.

This is a 3-day conference starting on Thursday, September 28th, 2023, from 10 AM – 4:30 PM, Friday, September 29th, 2023, from 10:30 – 5:00 PM, and Saturday, September 30th, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Please RSVP to attend this event. For more information and to pre-register, please visit www.vtecinc.org/vtecevents.

Address: 428 N Arthur Ashe Blvd
Richmond, VA 23221

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Mattaponi Enrollment Drive on Saturday, September 16th, 2023! If you are a Lineal Mattaponi who is interested in becoming an Enrolled citizen of the Mattaponi Tribe, you can contact the Tribal office at **804-353-5908** or email the Enrollment Specialist, Olivia Garcia at olivia.garcia@mattaponination.com, for assistance.

Mattaponi Trunk or Treat

TRUNK OR TREAT

Come and Join Us!

28th October

Starts at 5:00PM

**Mattaponi Tribal Center
1314 Mattaponi Res Circle
West Point, VA 23181**



Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

Lois Custalow Carter represented the Mattaponi Indian Tribe at the first Advisory Committee kickoff Meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2023, in Gloucester County, Virginia. Attendees were Carol Steele (Gloucester County Administrator), Gloucester Board of Supervisors, Virginia Forestry representatives, DCR staff, and several other Virginia Indian tribal citizens. Topic of discussion included the Machicomoco State Park master planning, schedules, process, vision, purpose, and goals that were shared by several Virginia Park and DCR staff members. Future ongoing meetings will include details about Economic and Environmental progress, along with preservation of Natural Heritage resources.



Machicomoco State Park

Powhatan Algonquian Roundtable Committee

Chief Mark T. Custalow and Lois Custalow Carter attended the monthly, Powhatan Algonquian Intertribal language roundtable committee meeting on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

The **Powhatan Algonquian** language community is made up of eight Tribes located in the Tidewater and Potomac River regions of Virginia, together comprised of approximately 6,000 citizens. The language takes its name from the Powhatan Chieftaincy, which unified several tribes under the leadership of Powhatan before the English contact. Today, the communities whose ancestral language is Powhatan Algonquian, include **two state and six federally recognized tribes** in Virginia: the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe Eastern Division, Mattaponi Indian Tribe, Nansemond Indian Nation, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Patawomeck Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Indian Tribe, and Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe.

The Strategic Plan has been ongoing to develop a sustainable Powhatan Algonquian Language Program available to benefit Algonquian-speaking Tribes across the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States. Goals include a 3-year program designed to set the stage for fluency.

Powhatan Algonquian Roundtable Committee Continued

One of our own, **Ian Custalow** (Enrolled Mattaponi Tribal Citizen), is one of 4 consultants supporting this project. These four individuals have committed to building capacity within Virginia Algonquian communities as Language Ambassadors to help determine the best ways to use these new resources to teach and learn the Powhatan Algonquian Language within Tribal Communities. Ian is an IT professional and former U.S. Army linguist who has spent the past 20+ years employing his linguistic skills of our language. He has also been involved in numerous historical collections of the Powhatan Algonquian language, and attended the Breath of Life Institute for Indigenous Languages in Washington D.C.



Mattaponi Tribal Citizen, Ian Custalow

Environmental Office Update on the Living Shoreline Project

The Mattaponi Tribal Council has hired the Environmental Director position. Please welcome Matthew Venable as the Tribes Environmental Director. His start date will be Monday, October 2nd, 2023. Matt comes with over 20 years of environmental experience, and has extensive knowledge of projects, managerial experience in establishing departments and programs. Matt will be conducting interviews and finalizing the recommendation for the Environmental Manager position.

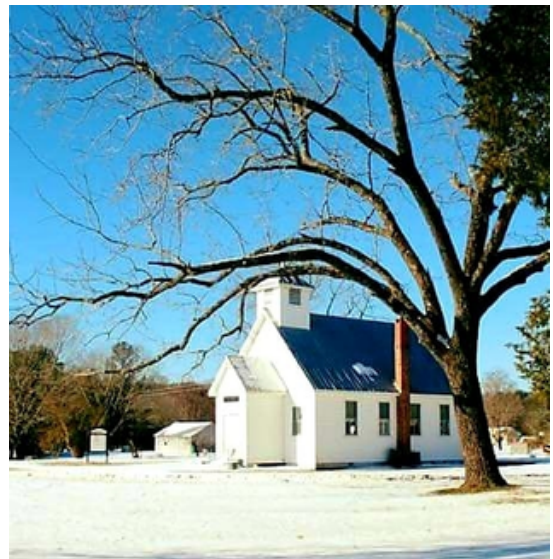
Mattaponi Enrolled Resident Meeting

A Mattaponi Tribal Resident Meeting was held for all lineal enrolled residents who reside on the Mattaponi Indian Reservation on Thursday, September 21st, 2023. There was good attendance and good conversations that took place during this meeting. There will be ongoing Tribal meetings held at the Tribal Center, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The Mattaponi Chief and Tribal Council invite **ALL** Mattaponi Enrolled resident Citizens to attend.

Mattaponi Indian Baptist Church Upcoming Events

Please join the Mattaponi Indian Baptist Church located on the Mattaponi Indian Reservation for their upcoming events. Church service starts at 11:00 AM:

- Camo Sunday 10/15**
- Harvest Festival 10/25**
- Native Sunday Service 11/5**
- Giving Thanks Service 11/12**
- Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas 11/19**
- 1st Advent Sunday 11/26**
- Caroling 12/3**
- Old Christmas 1/7**



Mattaponi Indian Baptist Church

Wednesday night is youth night from 6:30-7:30pm, all are welcome. Also, the church will be starting to gather materials for a much-anticipated **Native Nativity** scene. If you have any items that could be donated or loaned such as life-like North American animals such as, wolves, foxes, deer, or items that can withstand the elements. Or if you may know of a source that has life-like animals, please reach out to the church at mattaponiindianbaptistchurch.org or through the Facebook page, **Mattaponi Indian Baptist Church**.

Mattaponi Hoodies Still Available!

Mattaponi Hoodies are still available to purchase! You can place your order by contacting the Mattaponi Tribal Office, **804-353-5908**. The Adult hoodies are \$35 and Youth hoodies are \$30.



Upcoming Powwows

This weekend, September 23rd and 24th, the Chickahominy Tribe is hosting their 71st Fall Festival and Powwow. The Rappahannock Tribe is also holding their Powwow on Saturday, October 7th and Sunday, October 8th.



71ST CHICKAHOMINY INDIAN TRIBE

FALL FESTIVAL & POW-WOW

SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH, 2023

GATES OPEN SATURDAY 10AM-6PM, GRAND ENTRY AT NOON
GATES OPEN SUNDAY 11AM-5PM, GRAND ENTRY AT 1 PM

MC: Keith Colston, Tuscarora/Lumbee
 Arena Director: Maurice Proctor, Piscataway
 Color Guard: VEVITA Honor Color Guard, Washington D.C.
 Host Northern Drum: Stoney Creek, North Carolina
 Host Southern Drum: Red Blanket, New Jersey
 Head Male Dancer: Tyler Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi/Lumbee
 Head Female Dancer: Alex Fortune, Chickahominy

FREE PARKING

CASH REQUIRED FOR FOOD & DRINK PURCHASES

American Indian Dancers Only
 Pow-Wow Etiquette will be observed
****Dancer ID Required****

Indian Tacos, Fish, Fries, BBQ, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Ice Cream, Desserts, Soda, Water, Tea & Lemonade

American Indian Arts & Crafts, Jewelry, Paintings, Clothing and more!

Transportation provided from parking areas for senior & disabled citizens
 No alcohol or drugs - No pets - No canopies
 Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets
 FREE ADMISSION - DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE GATE

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.CHICKAHOMINYTRIBE.ORG

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RAPPAHANNOCK POWWOW

9221 BELLE GROVE DRIVE - KING GEORGE, VA 22485

OCTOBER 7TH
 GATES OPEN-10:00AM
 GRAND ENTRY-12:00PM
 GATES CLOSE- 5:00PM

OCTOBER 8TH
 GATES OPEN- 10:00AM
 GRAND ENTRY- 1:00PM
 GATES CLOSE- 5:00PM

ADVANCE TICKETS:
 DAY PASS: \$15
 WEEKEND PASS: \$30

DAY-OF TICKETS:
 DAY PASS: \$20
 WEEKEND PASS: \$35

ANYONE WHO PROVIDES FEDERAL OR STATE TRIBAL ID: FREE
 ALL CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12: FREE
PURCHASE TICKETS AT WWW.BELLE GROVE PLANTATION.COM

FEATURING

HOST DRUM:
 STONEY CREEK

GUEST DRUMS:
 RED CLAY
 ZOTIGH SINGERS

LEAD DANCERS:
 JOSEPHINE TARRANT RICHARDSON (RAPPAHANNOCK/ HO-CHUNK/KUNA)
 WILL RICHARDSON (HALIWA SAPONI)

MC:
 DENNIS ZOTIGH (KIOWA/ISANTI DAKOTA/ OHKAY OWINGEH PUEBLO)

AD:
 MAURICE PROCTOR (PISCATAWAY)

"HONORING THE GENERATIONS" FANCY SHAWL SPECIAL
 HOSTED BY: JOSEPHINE TARRANT RICHARDSON & FAMILY

SATURDAY - 7TH
 *OLD STYLE SPECIAL
 *PICKING OF FINALISTS

SUNDAY - 8TH
 *CONTEMPORARY SPECIAL
 *PICKING OF WINNERS & GIVEAWAY

DANCERS
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
BEFORE GRAND ENTRY
 MUST BE FEDERALLY OR AN INVITED STATE RECOGNIZED TRIBE (TRIBAL ID REQUIRED UPON REQUEST)

VENDORS
 FOR VENDOR SPACE INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT
 RAPPAHANNOCKPOWWOW@GMAIL.COM

Green Economic Development on Tribal Lands

Chief Mark T. Custalow and Lois Custalow Carter were invited and attended the Sovereign Nations of Virginia Conference in Richmond. The conference was hosted by the 7 federal recognized tribes here in Virginia. There were several keynote speakers who spoke on Economic Development and Sovereignty, Land and Water Conservation, and Strategic Partnerships.



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