



Voice of the Saponi



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If you would like to submit an article to us, please remember they are due on the 20th of each month prior to the month . (Ex December articles are November 20th).

Deadline

4 p.m.

You may email articles to crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com or feel free to mail them to :

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

Attn: Newsletter Editor

PO Box 99

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe 2024 Awards Banquet

Nomination Forms are now Available for the 2024 Awards Banquet.

There are 13 possible Awards. Call or stop by the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex to get a form to nominate someone you think deserves to be honored.

Nominations close November 15th, 2024

The Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 3p.m.

Tickets will be \$20 each

Karen Lynch Harley
Awards Banquet Chair



Upcoming Dates and Meetings

November 15 - Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting will be at the Multi-Purpose Building at 6:30.

November 18 - Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting will be at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 6:30.

Committee Meetings

Finance Committee meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Rev. Michael Richardson.

Federal Recognition Committee meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Chief Dr. B. Ogletree Richardson.

Enrollment Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Angela Richardson.

Princess Committee meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Ladonna E. Richardson.

Pow-Wow Planning meetings are held the 4th Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Vice Chief Dr. Marty Richardson.

Haliwa-Saponi Senior Citizens Organization meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p. m. at the Old Council House.

Committee Chair: Rev. Al Cooper.

Veteran's Memorial meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Jewel Bissonnette.

Education Committee meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Angela Richardson.

Election Committee meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Montenia Lynch.

By-laws Review Committee meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Attorney Joshua Richardson.

Boys & Girls Club meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Open

Fundraiser Committee meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Tyler Richardson.



10 Ways to Prevent Home Fires this Thanksgiving

Release Date

November 19, 2021

The holiday season is a time for family, friends, and feasts. This may mean you will be spending more time than usual in the kitchen.

Cooking is the main cause of home fires any time of the year, but it is especially common on Thanksgiving. The average number of home fires in residential buildings on this day is often double the number of home fires throughout the rest of the year.

Be smart about how you cook this season by following these ten tips:

1. **Stand by your pan.** If you leave your kitchen, turn the burner off.
2. **Keep an eye on what you fry!** Most cooking fires start when frying food.
3. **Roll up your sleeves.** This reduces the chance that they'll catch fire.
4. **Supervise children and pets.** Make sure they stay away from the stove.
5. **Watch what you're cooking!** If you see any smoke, or grease starts to boil, turn the burner off.
6. **If there's an oven fire, keep the door closed.** Turn off the oven and keep the door closed until it's cool.
7. **Move things that can burn away from the stove.** This includes dishtowels, bags, boxes, paper, and curtains.
8. **Turn the pot handles toward the back of the stove.** This is so no one can bump them or pull them over.
9. **Only use a turkey fryer outdoors.** Make sure that the fryer is on a sturdy surface, away from things that can burn.
10. **Check smoke alarms.** Make sure to have working smoke alarms close to where anyone may be sleeping.

For more fire safety tips, visit the [U.S. Fire Administration's site](#). For more readiness tips, visit [Ready.gov](#).



What is the Housing Emergency Repair Program

The Housing Emergency Repair Program (2024-1: Emergency Repair) is designed to assist low-income tribal members who are facing urgent home repair needs. Here's a concise overview of the program.

Program Overview

1. Program Name and Unique Identifier

Name: Housing Emergency Repair Program

Identifier: 2024-1: Emergency Repair

2. Program Description

The program addresses unforeseen circumstances that create an urgent need for repairs in a home. It aims to assist homeowners who require immediate modifications, such as:

- Accessibility adjustments due to health conditions or accidents.
- Repairs for essential utilities and services that are failing or outdated, affecting quality of life.
- Addressing hazards such as leaking roofs, broken heating and air conditioning units, or malfunctioning water heaters.

3. Eligible Activity Number

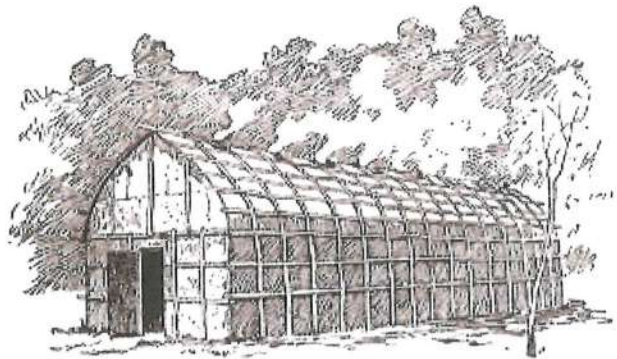
- (18) Other Housing Services [202(3)]

4. Intended Outcome

- (3) Improve quality of substandard units

6. Target Beneficiaries

- Low-income tribal members who own and occupy their homes.



Scope of Assistance

The program will fund necessary emergency repairs up to ****\$15,000**** per household. This includes:

- Roof repairs for leaks
- Accessibility modifications for the elderly and disabled
- Replacement or repair of heating units if they cannot be fixed
- Other emergency-related modifications as deemed necessary, focusing on health, safety, efficiency, and accessibility.

Conclusion

The Housing Emergency Repair Program is a vital initiative to support low-income homeowners in tribal communities by addressing immediate housing needs and improving living conditions, thereby enhancing overall quality of life.

Public Announcement

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

Disaster Relief Efforts on Behalf of Those Impacted by Hurricane Helene

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe partnered with Mount Bethel Indian Baptist Church and the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association to collect items to help those in need because of Hurricane Helene. The drop off point was at the Old Tribal Council House, 39129 NC Hwy 561, Hollister, NC 27844. The site was open from Tuesday, October 15-October 17 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). At the drop off point, a substantial number of donated items were collected and organized by the following volunteers: Morris Richardson, Marjorie (Margie) Richardson, Rowena Lynch, Brenda Lynch, Leslie Lynch, Cynthia Richardson, Lonnie Richardson, Jr., Ella Viverette, Sylvia Johnson, Willis Richardson, Judy Richardson, Pearlean Richardson Tonya Carter, Glenda Silver Evans, Patricia Evans Richardson, Kay Oxendine, Joan Evans, and Harley Batchelor. It is with great appreciation that we say "Thank You" to our volunteers, Tribal staff, and to everyone who donated. It was your time and commitment that allowed our Tribe to make an invaluable contribution to the hurricane victims.

Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson



Who will wear the crown?

It could be YOU!

Get ready to shine! The annual Tiny Miss, Little Miss, and Junior Miss Haliwa-Saponi Contest is back, and we're looking for the next generation of Tribal leaders to represent our community with pride and grace.

✿ **Applications Available: ** November 8, 2024

📍 **Where: ** Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Government Office

Don't miss your chance to enter this exciting tradition and celebrate our culture, heritage, and future leaders! Pick up your application packet starting November 8 and be part of something special.

Who Will Be the Next Haliwa-Saponi Warrior?

The search is on! Do you have what it takes to embody the strength, leadership, and spirit of a true warrior? The annual ****Haliwa-Saponi Warrior Contest**** is just around the corner, and we're looking for contestants ready to represent our Tribe with pride.

✿ **Applications Available:** November 8, 2024

📍 **Where:** Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Government Office

This is your chance to take part in a time-honored tradition and showcase what it means to be a modern warrior rooted in culture and heritage.

Pick up your application packet starting November 8 and show the world the heart of a Haliwa-Saponi warrior!



Thanks Giving Meal Giveback

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Arcola Rural Fire Department
Keyara Hedgepeth-

Halifax County Indian Education Princess
Presents their 2nd Annual
Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
Hot Meals Delivered To Our
Senior Citizens

Sunday
NOVEMBER
24TH

Delivery: 12 pm

For More Info. Contact:
Jessica/Keyara 252-536-8846
Glen Pulley or Mrs. Lori Silver
Volunteers Needed
Be the reason someone smiles
this Thanksgiving

Want to add a senior to the list- text 252-536-8846

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUNSHINE RICHARDSON



****Sunshine Richardson Named the first USDA Tribal Relations Specialist in North Carolina.**

We are so proud to announce that Pamela “Sunshine” Richardson, a member of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, has been named USDA’s first North Carolina Tribal Relations Specialist. Sunshine’s appointment, made official on October 20th, marks a historic milestone, paving the way for stronger connections between federal programs and tribal communities across the state.

Sunshine is the daughter of Theartis and Jackie Lynch and is married to Jody Richardson. Together, they have two daughters, Armoni and Amya.

Before joining USDA Rural Development (RD) six years ago, Sunshine dedicated nearly 20 years of service to the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, advancing programs and initiatives that benefited tribal citizens. Her experience working at both the tribal and federal levels uniquely position her to bridge the gap between government agencies and Native communities, ensuring that tribes across North Carolina have access to USDA resources and opportunities.

In addition to her new role, Sunshine also serves as a commissioner with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, where she advocates for Native communities at the state level.

“I’m honored to serve in this new role and excited to continue working with all of North Carolina’s tribes and urban Native organizations,” Sunshine said. “This is a great opportunity to strengthen relationships and create new opportunities that will benefit our communities for generations to come.”

As the first USDA Tribal Relations Specialist in North Carolina, Sunshine will focus on building partnerships, expanding outreach, and helping tribal governments and organizations navigate USDA programs. Her leadership will play a vital role in fostering growth and development within tribal communities across the state.

Congratulations to Sunshine Richardson on this well-deserved appointment! Her passion, experience, and commitment to her people will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on North Carolina’s tribal communities.

To Past & Present Enrollees:

As of November 2024, Enrollment is Closed to Adults and Children 7 & Older. Only Children Under the age of 6 can apply at this time. We are working diligently to process all enrollment applications from the previous open enrollment period 2016-2018. If you submit an application then to now, we have your materials on file. Many have not received letters confirming this. As we update member and enrollee files, we are working to inform everyone who has applied, past and present, that applications are being processed.

We are also happy to announce that we have further validated our Tribal Enrollment Cards. We now have the members' street address added to the back of the card. We are working to include bar codes on the back to officially validate our Tribal Enrollment Cards as a 2nd form of Identification. Please, come update your tribal cards. You’re more than welcome to keep your old Tribal Card, however, all cards need to be updated. Thank you!

Stephanie Reid

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Enrollment Clerk

In Loving Memory Of



I feel that you are
with me

In everything I do...

So I'll celebrate your Birthday
But I'll spend it **MISSING YOU**

**Happy 21st Birthday
Quincy Mills**

**Pops, Grandma Rene, Aunt
Sherry, Pa James, Baby J,
Chesley, Caroline and Ivy**

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!



NEW BABY CONGRATS to *Chad and Rachael (McGee) Jager* on the birth of their new baby girl, *Reese K. Jager* on October 12th, 2024! And, congrats to (first-time) grandparents *Deke & Barbara McGee*, and new Aunts *Colleen and Laura*. We are so overjoyed at this new addition and wish you all the very best! Love, *Gr-Aunt Pam (Ray)*, *Gr-Aunt Jewel (Mike)* and *Gr-Uncle Keith*, along with your many cousins from MD, NC & Oklahoma. ~We know in our hearts that *MaMa Edith & PaPa Jesse McGee* are smiling down on (and praying over) your precious new bundle of joy!

Two golden rules to a
Happy Marriage:

1. The wife is always right.
2. When you feel she is wrong slap yourself and read rule number 1 again.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy 52nd Anniversary to

Raymond & Velma Silver

On October 28th

Happy 37th Anniversary to Shawn & Charlotte Richardson

On November 28th

Happy 1st Anniversary to Jesse & Montana McGee

On November 5, 2024

*One year over and done...and a lifetime to go! We love you both so,
From dad, Keith McGee, brothers, Ty and Alex, and all your extended
McGee families from MD, NC, and OK!*

Happy 3rd Wedding Anniversary to Chad & Rachael (McGee) Jager

On November 6, 2024

*As you celebrate another year of marriage, there's no doubt, that your
sweet baby girl will be at the center of next year's chapter. We can't
wait to hear the stories that unfold!! With love to you all, from your
McGee family and their extended families.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved one's name to be published, please email Carol Richardson errichardson@haliwa-saponi.com, mail, or bring by the office. If you do not submit your birthday or a loved one, we cannot publish it in our newsletter. No Call Ins Accepted

November 2- Maynard "Bud" Ealing (D)

November 3- Telisa McWilliams

November 4- Anthony Harris, Delilah Green

November 8- Rev. Ronald Richardson, Blaire Anderson

November 10- Gloria R. Lynch, Jershawn Richardson (D)

November 13- Earl Evans, Jerrod Garduno

November 14- Damien Harris, Deitrick Richardson

November 15- Margie Richardson

November 18- Rev. James Rudd, Jessomy Evans, Darrin Richardson

November 19- Katie Kizer

November 20- Octavio Berrun, Barbara Lynch

November 25- Odessia Richardson (D)

November 26- Monica DelaMora

November 28- Thawatha Wilson

November 29- Nakesha Silver



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUDY!!!!

November 29th 1953 making her 71 years young!

Love your husband Al and all of the family

MAGAZINE SPRING AND EDUCATORS

On Friday October 18th, a bright sunny autumn day, there was an educational experience happening at Magazine Spring in Halifax County. Through the coordination of Al Richardson and Matt Scialdone, an educator, we were able to present a program on the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe to 40 teachers from Wake County. After a hearty welcome from Al a prayer was invoked by Reverend Willie Silver of Mt. Bethel Indian Baptist church. After the prayer Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson presented the organization of the Tribe as well as programs offered and governmental structure of the Council. Following this the Vice-Chief Dr. Marty Richardson spoke a welcome in the Tutelo language and gave a concise history of the Tribe and spoke on Indigenous Day celebrations as well. This was followed by a round dance with Dr. Marty playing the hand drum and participation by all. We closed out with a prayer by Reverend Al Cooper. Others in attendance included Ivan and Laddonna Richardson, Judy Richardson and Quantell Green. Photography and video services were provided by Ivan Richardson and Quantell Green. Judy Richardson stated that this was the best presentation yet at Magazine Spring.



Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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