



# Voice of the Saponi

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## Upcoming Dates and Meetings

January 15 Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting to be announced.  
January 18 - Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting to be announced.

### 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: Charles 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: Karen Harley.
- Princess Committee Meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 7:00 p.m. Committee Chair: Angela 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: Alfred Morris 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: Roena Daniel.
- 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: Jimmie Silver.
- Education Committee meeting are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Rev. Michael Richardson.





### **A Message from Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson**

As Tribal leaders, we make every effort to keep our Tribal citizens informed about events and activities that made a difference in the lives of our people. As we approach the Christmas season, we have so much that we are thankful for, even in the middle of the pandemic. We thank our Tribal staff, school staff and volunteer Tribal citizens for their efforts to make our Tribe continue to move forward. This message is not inclusive of all events and activities that have taken place or in progress.

**The Christmas Tree Project:** The Christmas tree fundraiser was discussed in our December 2019 Tribal meeting after a citizen's complaint about the size of the tree. At that meeting, Councilwoman Mrs. Karen Harley stated that she would work with Mrs. Barbara Brayboy, Chairperson of the Christmas Tree Project, to raise funds for the tree, thru a go-fund-me fundraiser. After the Christmas Tree Committee's approval, Mrs. Harley started a non-profit fundraiser. Through the Network for Good non-profit organization, funds went directly to an account for the tree, and then the non-profit wrote the Tribe a check for funds received. All funds and receipts for the Christmas Tree go-fund-me fundraiser can be accounted for at the Tribal office. Thanks to everyone for their support for our annual Christmas Tree Project.

Tribal Giveaways-Food, Fruit Boxes, Masks, Hand Sanitizers and Pet Smart Stuffed Animals Donation: Stuffed animals were distributed to Tribal citizens, daycares, Haliwa-Saponi Senior Citizens, Haliwa-Saponi Head Start, Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School and Hollister Elementary School. Food and fruit boxes were distributed by our staff to our Tribal community on more than one occasion. Food Lion Gift Cards - When people arrived for masks and hand sanitizers, many were pleasantly surprised to receive \$45 gift cards from Food Lion.

**Food Lion Project:** I was the speaker for the Food Lion Corporation during Indian Heritage Month, November 2020. North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Public Service Announcement: I am featured in a video to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

**The Senior Princess Projects 2020-2021:** Mrs. Judy Richardson, Senior Princess helped pack and give out food packages to citizens at the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School and delivered food packages to home bound and shut-in citizens. Also, she purchased and planned a flower bulb planting as a beautification project for our senior citizens. She placed 178 flags on local graves of deceased veterans this past Memorial Day and delivered 70 Christmas goody bags to the elders and shut-ins in our community.

**Paving of Tribal Properties:** Paving included the parking area at the Old Council House/Senior/Daycare Center, a new walkway between the Tribal Government Complex and the Old Council House area, a section of the parking area at the Multipurpose Building on Capps Farm Road, and the walking trail on Capps Farm Road.

**Other Tribal Activities:** A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held for the Tribal Mural and new walkway. We plan to replace the roof on our school and to demolish unsafe Tribal properties. Through the NAHASDA program, Kevin Fitzgibbons is providing technical assistance to the Council and staff.

**Federal Recognition Update:** The Council decided that the Council Chair, Chief, and Vice Chief would be the Tribe's official spokespersons for all Tribal Council information on our Federal Recognition efforts to protect the integrity of the Federal Recognition Process.

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**Update on School:** The Council is also the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, Inc. Board of Directors (School Board). They are responsible for the governance of the Tribe and the school. The School Board/Council decided on a timeline for remote learning. Our school staff is working diligently to maintain our school at the highest academic level of performance of our students.

When you get the opportunity to go out to our Tribal territory, please take a moment to look at the projects that have been completed for our Tribe. Also, when you see our Tribal staff, school staff and Tribal citizens, who are volunteers, please let them know that their work is greatly appreciated. The Tribal Council plays a major role in the decision-making process and is proud of the work that is being done by the staff and volunteers.

As Chief of the Tribe, I will once again make a plea to my people. Please do your part to be safe while this deadly virus is among us. We appreciate your support as Council, Tribal staff, school staff and Tribal citizens continue to work for the best interests of our Tribal citizens.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

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**Slow the Spread of COVID-19**

**WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN**  
Illustration of a person washing hands at a sink with a 20-second timer.

**WHEN OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS, WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING**  
Illustrations of three people wearing face coverings.

**AND STAY 6 FEET APART FROM OTHERS**  
Illustration of three people standing 6 feet apart.

**CLEAN FREQUENTLY TOUCHED OBJECTS**  
Illustration of a hand cleaning a smartphone.

**DO NOT TOUCH YOUR EYES, NOSE, AND MOUTH**  
Illustration of a person with a red 'no' symbol over their face.

**COVER YOUR COUGHS AND SNEEZES**  
Illustration of a hand holding a tissue and a bottle of 70% alcohol hand sanitizer.

**STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**  
Illustration of a person in bed and a house with a person inside.

**CDC**  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## 2020 Year In Review

### Here are just some things of note for the rough year of 2020.

The Tribe has a brand new website: [www.haliwa-saponi.org](http://www.haliwa-saponi.org)

HUD visited in March and did a Draft Monitor Report. They found 11 Findings and 3 Concerns of violations of the Indian Housing Block Grant from the years 2000, 2001, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018. The 50-page report took 6 months to write. The Tribe has 6 months to respond and explain the violations and hopefully have them forgiven. If they cannot be forgiven the Tribe will owe HUD about \$109,000.000.

The Tribe received its first Energy Grant. It will be implemented in early 2021.

The Tribe received its first Humanities Grant. It will be implemented in January 2021.

A new state-of-the-art ID Machine & Software was purchased with a \$20,000.00 Model Activity Grant Change thus saving the Tribe's General Account that much money.

The SNS (Senior Site Nutrition) Grant was saved. Going back to February 2019 the Tribe had been paying for SNS out of its own pocket for many months. A complete new management took over SNS and after very hard work the Grant was again rewarded and SNS went from being in the **RED** to now well in the **BLACK**.

SNS has increased feedings of Seniors from 20 to 60+ with several new grants and partners.

The Tribe received its largest grant award of \$1,014,344.00 from the IHBG (Indian Housing Block Grant) via HUD.

The Tribal Center was deep cleaned and sanitized for the first time ever including the only cleaning of the Carpet since the Tribal Center was built. This included a full 3-day cleaning, polishing and waxing of the Council Room.

The staff finally got a much-needed raise after 12 years with no raise. This was done without taking away any funds from the General Account or any programs. By cutting wasteful spending the Administration has saved the Tribe \$245,000.000. This included better management of staff time, utilities, technology, and vehicle use bringing the transportation down from over \$14,000.00 to only \$5,000.00.

The Mural & Walkway Path Project was completed. This included the mural at the Multipurpose Building and the Mural Wall by the Old Administration Building. A Walkway Path was also added from the Tribal Center to the Mural Wall.

The Tribe is finally ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Compliant at the Old Administration, DayCare/SNS and Multipurpose Buildings. The Tribe was in violation of almost \$150,000.00 and was lucky to not have gotten citations. It appears that ADA Impact Reports were not done correctly in the past. Visits in March 2020 showed the Tribe needed to fix issues or receive citations. The new pavings, lines, blocks and signage at all 3 buildings make the Tribe ADA compliant.

The Tribe has new WiFi at the Tribal Center and at the Multipurpose Building. This grant was written in April 2020 and the Tribe was informed in July that it was awarded but would take months to plan and implement as the work could not start until Communication Companies bided with the winning bid given in October and then work would begin in late November or early December. Parameters for use will hopefully be released in January 2021.

The Tribe has NOT lost any grants – instead, The Administration has applied for over 30 brand new grants and been awarded over \$400,000.00 in monies that has saved other grants, funds, donations and most important saved the General Account.

The General Account was getting low but not due to over spending. It was low due to loss of income from the powwow, rentals, events, gigs and more as well as the fact that sadly an error from a 2016 Grant was due in a lump sum payment.



## DO choose masks that



**Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric**



**Completely cover your nose and mouth**



**Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps**



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved ones name to be published please email Carol Richardson at [crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com](mailto:crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com), mail or bring by the office. If you do not submit your birthday or a loved one, we can not publish it in the next month's newsletter.

- January 3- Serenity Lynch Johnny E. Richardson
- January 4-Doris Lynch
- January 5- Vonnie Green
- January 6- Jennifer Evans, Roderick Bluesky Mills (D)
- January 8 - Melanie Pena
- January 9 - Keith McGee, Christopher Anstead
- January 10 - Yashone T. Francis, Irene Richardson
- January 11 - Edler E. Silver, Shandonna Richardson
- January 12 - McKenzie A. Francis, Jasper Richardson, Aiyana Lindsea
- January 13 - Klecy Jean Carter, Edna Richardson Ratliff
- January 14 - Sarah Richardson
- January 15 - Amy Bissonnette
- January 16 - Wayne L. Rudd Jr. (Lee), Sheila Richardson, Angela Lynch
- January 17 - Deke McGee
- January 18 - Sky Lynch
- January 20- Bernella DeLaMora
- January 25 - Patrina Richardson
- January 27 - Linwood Silver, Henry Lynch
- January 28- Brian Lynch. Joseph O. Richardson
- January 29 - Ossie Lynch (D)
- January 30 - Leilani Anstead, Connie L. Hedgepeth, Ronnie B. Lynch (D) , Chief Dr. B. Ogletree Richardson



## New Year's Eve Word Search

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CALENDAR  
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COUNTDOWN  
RESOLUTION  
PARTY

JANUARY  
HOURGLASS  
FIRST  
YEAR  
TIME  
CELEBRATION





**Community News**

**Senior Princess Visits**

So much thanks to our senior princess Judy Richardson for the goodie bags she gave to the seniors for Christmas. Your service to the tribal community is much appreciated. Thanks from the Haliwa Seniors.



*Thank you*



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# CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS

Cervical cancer is the  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
most frequent  
cancer for females  
in the UAE



Cervical cancer is the  
**7<sup>th</sup>**  
highest cause of  
female deaths in  
the UAE

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

Cervical cancer is the  
**most preventable**  
female cancer

**93%**

of cases could be  
prevented if detected  
early through regular  
screening and the  
HPV vaccination