



Voice of the Saponi

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Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

TO ALL THE MOMS EVERYWHERE

THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR MOMS

HAVE A WONDERFUL MOTHER'S DAY!

ALSO A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR

VETERANS ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY

THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

TO OUR COUNTRY!

GOD BLESS AND BE SAFE

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

May 21- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19.

May 24 - 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



I want to give our Tribal Citizens an update on some important decisions made by the Tribal Council.

Tribal Election: Chief and Tribal Council

* Nominations will be held on Friday, May 14, 2021

* Tribal Election will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021

*Pow-wow: September 17 & 18, 2021; **Rain date: October 15 & 16, 2021

Other Events: As conditions continue to improve with COVID-19, we will begin to host other tribal events and in person meetings on a case by case scenario following all Executive Orders and guidelines in place to ensure the safety of our tribal citizens.

Recreation Area: Plans to improve our recreation area on Capps Farm Road include adding a variety of playground equipment.

Federal Recognition Update: We continue to pursue all possible avenues to move forward in our efforts to achieve federal recognition. Meetings have been held and others scheduled in the future to garner support from local representatives for potential congressional action, of which several representatives have indicated their support. We have also begun the process to address and respond to the requests from the original letter of obvious deficiencies from the federal government. As you are aware, this is a very delicate and complicated process, but as our efforts progress, we will continue to share more detailed information. We are very hopeful about the outlook of our goal of achieving federal recognition, and we believe our tribe is closer now than ever before of reaching our goal.

As Chief of the Tribe, I am proud of the collaboration that has taken place among the Council, Tribal staff, school staff and our Tribal citizens. Your support is greatly appreciated, as we continue to work for the best interests of our Tribal citizens.

Pi: láhuk (Thank you)

* The aforementioned actions are dependent upon the status of COVID 19.

** An alternate date was determined but it has since been noted ,that date conflicts with another important event and Council will later determine if the alternate date is to be changed.

Tribal Enrollment Update

We are pleased to announce that the internal audit is nearly complete. As of April 2021, we are moving forward with processing applications that have been previously received. We appreciate your patience during this time as we acknowledge that this process was delayed while we worked through earlier stages of our audit and due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are also pleased to announce that we now have a new Tribal ID machine. The new ID Machine and accompanying software requires extensive training of staff to effectively begin using the machine for our Tribal IDs. The training for the hardware and accompanying software is performed remotely from trainers located in California, operating on Pacific Standard Time. Due to the necessity to properly train staff, to correct a few software glitches, and the ongoing concerns with the pandemic, we are not currently producing new Tribal IDs at this time. We will begin this process again soon, and when a date has been established to safely begin producing new Tribal IDs, an update will be posted in the Tribal Newsletter, the Haliwa-Saponi Voice Facebook page, and on our website at www.haliwa-saponi.org.

At this time, our enrollment process is still open only for those under the age of 6 and applications are only being accepted for individuals under the age of 6 years old in accordance with the Bylaws. For those who have submitted applications that are currently pending review, please be advised that we are processing applications and will provide updates to individuals as we begin to move forward with reviewing each active application for enrollment. New applications for individuals under the age of 6 may be obtained from the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribal Office. Due to the ongoing concerns with the Covid-19 pandemic, we are not currently allowing anyone other than staff and Tribal Council to enter the building. To obtain an application please contact Tosha Silver, Enrollment Clerk at 252-586-1859 or email tsilver@haliwa-saponi.com, and Tosha will arrange for applicants to receive an application. Again, thank you for your patience as we move forward with the tribal enrollment process.

COVID TESTING/VACCINE & ENERGY ASSISTANCE NEWS

- While COVID-19 Tests & Vaccines should be covered under the CARES ACT, there are charges that some facilities/ providers are still billing and can still tack on that may not be covered, meaning you will get stuck with a bill.
- There are many factors that can affect coverage, and it is up to you to sort them out. You can avoid a surprise bill by asking your insurance provider what is covered and make sure that you know which medical billing code your provider uses for the tests and the vaccines.
- Sadly thousands of people across the county are getting bills for both COVID Tests & COVID Vaccines weeks and even months afterwards including several Tribal Members.

If you are an Enrolled Tribal Member and have gotten billed for any COVID TESTS or COVID VACCINES please contact the Tribal Administrator ASAP.

The 1st Energy Grant funds have been exhausted. This was the Halifax Electric Senior Energy Assistance Program.

The 2nd Grant is the Department Of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance and Emergency Energy Assistance Program and will be ready for accepting applications on May 3, 2021 and will be in a separate special edition newsletter as well as posted on the Tribal Website and other social media. Here are the requirements for this grant:

- Must be an Enrolled Member of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
- Must not already be getting Federally funded assistance (no double dipping)
- Income must be at or below 80% of the area median income*
- Households that has reduction of income or other financial hardships due to COVID-19
- Not limited to Tribal Territory*

Eligible uses of funds include payments of:

- Rent
- Rental arrears
- Utilities and home energy costs (any provider)
- Utilities and home energy costs arrears (any provider)
- Internet costs (any provider)
- Other expenses related to housing/energy incurred due to COVID-19

*** Very Good News on this new grant is that it is NOT limited to Tribal Territory!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

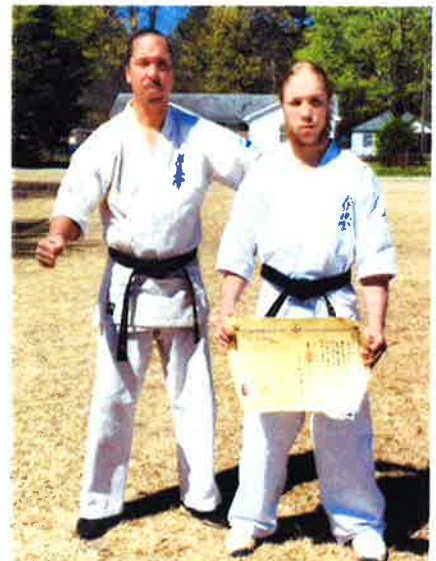
If you would like your name or a loved ones name to be published please email Carol Richardson a crrichardson@haliwasaponi.com, mail or bring by the office. If you do not submit your birthday or a loved one, we can not publish it in the next month's newsletter.

- May 1- Tony D. Richardson Councilman Jimmie Silver, Jessica Kizer
- May 2- Laura McGee
- May 3- Peggy L. Francis
- May 4- Quantell Green, Martell Green (D)
- May 5- Ko-Ann Richardson, Tracy R. Francis
- May 6- Michael Anstead
- May 7- Tina Lynch
- May 8- Cheyenna Francis, Renea Silver
- May 9- Dorothy Evans
- May 11- Melvin Richardson, Deanna Macon, Donnie Lynch
- May 12- Verneice V. Francis (Nokey) (D)
- May 13- Cordet Evans
- May 14- James A. Anstead, William C. Evans, Mary V. Richardson, Sherica R. Bobbit
- May 15- Talia D. Harris, Donald Lynch, Ronald Lynch, Ophelia Lynch Paulus
- May 16- Fred "Donnie" Evans
- May 17- Christopher Richardson
- May 18- Chandler A. Lynch, Parlshia Everette
- May 19- Layla Rene Bowser
- May 20- Samantha Dale, Burnette Rudd, Lauren D. Bowser
- May 21- Rachel McGee
- May 22- Marcie D. Evans, Dorothy Purnell
- May 23- Dellie M. Richardson
- May 25- Chestina Richardson, Joyce R. Fisher, Dominick S. Richardson
- May 26- Kaidyn M. Richardson, Lonnie Hedgepeth
- May 27- Rodney A. Richardson, Linzie Evans
- May 28- Ryland Dale, Frank Harrison
- May 29- Erika H. Richardson
- May 30- Sharayna Silver, Dustin Carter, Tony Richardson
- May 31- Carolyn Richardson, Vicky Lee Richardson



Christian Buffaloe Receives Promotion

Christian Buffaloe (on right) receiving his Shodan (1st Degree Black Belt) from his father/instructor Sensei Kenny Buffaloe (on left) recently at a "Promotion Ceremony" in Roanoke Rapids. Buffaloe's new rank is officially endorsed and recognized by the International Kyokushin Karate Organization in Tokyo, Japan.





Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School Indian Education Program



The Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School will host its Annual Public Hearing for the Title VI Indian Education Program on Tuesday,

May 4, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rev. C.H. Richardson Building located at 130 Haliwa-Saponi Trail, Hollister, NC. 27844. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome! Parents, students, tribal leadership and community members are encouraged to attend. Important program information will be provided for the upcoming school year and we would also welcome your input on the future of our Indian Education Program. Attendees, please be sure to wear a mask and follow all social distancing Guidelines. Please contact Sharon H. Berrun; HSTS Title VI Indian Education Program Manager @ 252-257-5853 for more information.

WARREN COUNTY TITLE VI INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 04, 2021 at 6:30 pm

TOPIC: WARREN CO. TITLE VI IND. ED. PUBLIC HEARING 2021

MEETING ID: 778 6911 7599

PASSWORD: WARREN

VIRTUAL MEETING



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT PATRICIA RICHARDSON PH.252-204-7730

For Sale

Beautiful 3.69 acres. Wooded lot is located in Warren County, off of Richardson Road, a few blocks from Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. The property is off road, but has legal dirt road access. Property line begins between Elzie & Milton Road. . It has been checked and will perk. Bob's branch across runs in back of the property. Asking price \$15,000.00 or best offer. (for sale by owner). Contact Nancy Harris at 252-567-6517 if interested.



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Mother's Day



GUESS WHO IS COMING TO PERFORM AT THE MEMORIAL DAY BALLOON FESTIVAL IN LOUISBURG, NC ON SATURDAY, MAY 29TH AT 5:00? FINALIST ON THE VOICE, AND CHARTED TOP 10 ON THE ITUNES AND BILLBOARD CHARTS...

Brooke Simpson

FOR SATURDAY'S TICKETS GO TO:
ncmemorialballoonfest.com