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NANTICOKE LENNI-LENAPE TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

**“WE ARE STILL
HERE!”**

**“WE ARE NOT A
CONQUERED
PEOPLE”**

TITLE PAGE

Chief's Letter

By Chief Mark “Quiet Hawk” Gould

Over this past year we have going through some very trying times. Holidays and events that we have always shared together Covid kept us apart. We have lost many of our loved ones, some to the virus and others not. Our elders and our youth seem to have suffered the most. Not being able to have our weekly luncheons and of course our annual summer camp has kept them from the socialization they look forward to so much.

In March we finally had our first socially distanced meeting. There were approximately 40 in attendance out in the audience and it was so good to be able to see faces once again. The weather that day was beautiful, and with masks on people were able to move about outside to say hello to many they have not seen in over a year.

It seems we are finally getting back on track with business at hand and hopefully soon everything will be back to normal.

Thank you all for your patience with us and know that all of you are loved and missed.

Looking forward to seeing you in May.

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Summarized Announcements

**"Do Not Speak Bad Of Yourself.
For The Warrior Within Hears Your Words,
& Is Lessened By Them**

~Unknown

By TY "DANCING WOLF" ELLIS

- *Pow-Wow 2021 is cancelled*
- *Tribal Enrollment is open, and existing applications are under review*
- *"We Are Still Here: Web Series" page has been created on Tribal Website, and a snippet video has been released*
- *Tribal Council has disallowed recording and distribution of tribally held meetings. Recording of the meetings are for personal use only, and not to be published anywhere*
- *Spring Gathering will not be held this upcoming May. However, there will be a Prayer Ceremony @ the sacred circle for tribal members on Sunday, May 16th, @ 3 PM*
- *General Citizenship Meetings are currently planned to remain in person, outside of the building, while practicing social distancing, at 3 PM on normally scheduled days. IT Committee still working to bring these meetings live streamed for members*
- *New Tribal Jackets and Flags available to be ordered*

Pow-Wow & Programs

BY TY "DANCING WOLF" ELLIS

Unfortunately, we must announce that the Pow-Wow for June 2021 will be cancelled for the health and safety of all. However, we are beginning to open up for program requests.



For digital and physical availability, e-mail us at PowWow@NLLTribe.com.

We are planning the release of our first online documentary episode at the end of May. We have created a page for this on our tribal website, and when the episode is released, it will be announced via digital announcement and on social media accounts. Currently, we have released a snippet of our first interview with the Tribal Principal Chief. You can find this on the page here: <https://nlltribe.com/video-documentary-we-are-still-here/>

Since we aren't able to have our Pow-Wow this year, we are expecting to do a few other project that will include allowing our surrounding communities to register for online panels, Q&As, and virtual craft classes. The committee is working hard to nail down the details for this, and this should be figured out before our next issue in July.



AS ALWAYS, all of your interest and support is very much appreciated! We have come to depend on your open minds and open hearts, and most importantly, your willingness to relearn what has been mistakenly taught in the past.

Please feel free to donate to the committee by following the link to our page on the website (or any page, find the donate tab on the sidebar, and select Pow-Wow). <https://nlltribe.com/eventsprograms/>

Wanishi!

Cultural Retention

BY CHARLENE JOHNSON

The Spring Gathering 2021 has been canceled due to the COVID-19 national pandemic.

All in-person events, typically hosted by the Cultural Retention Committee, are on hold pending guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), State of New Jersey, and Tribal Council. In the meantime, the Cultural Retention Committee remains committed to providing a cultural experience that is both educational and fun for our Summer Youth Camp participants. The parents/guardians of the 2019 camp participants will be emailed a survey by April 1st. The feedback received will be considered by the committee to determine the modality of camp this year. More information will be provided in the future.

The health and safety of our tribal family is our top priority as we navigate through this difficult time in our lives. Please take care of yourself and each other.

Thank you (Wanishi),

Charlene Johnson

Cultural Retention Chairperson

Elders & Seniors

BY ROMAINE STREET SR



The Tribal Elders Council have been diligently working to get all of our tribal elders and citizens vaccinated. We have been assisting with scheduling appointments and net working to find accessible facilities were these shots can be administered.

We continue to reach out and stay connected with each other with cards, phone calls, and emails. Preparations have been made for when we are able to safely gather together and continue with our elders luncheon program.



On behalf of the Tribal Elders Council, we would like to wish everyone a healthy and safe Springtime season.

Ways & Means Committee

BY LINDA JACKSON

Hello from the Ways & Means Committee!
We are taking orders for the new Tribal Jackets. Jackets now have 'Tribal Nation' across the bottom. Order your new jacket today!

- To place an order, you may;
 - Send via mail to (either)
 - o 18 East Commerce St. Bridgeton, NJ 08302
 - o P.O. Box 544, Bridgeton, NJ, 08302
 - Call (856) 451-2231
 - Email: Jlact965@aol.com

Please include the following in your order:

- Name
- Phone Number
- Address
- Jacket Color & Size
- Name to place on jacket

Checks payable to NLLI Ways & Means

Tribal Jackets

Black Nylon Jacket with a hood

XS-XL \$60.00 2XL- \$62.00 3X-\$64.00 4X- \$66.00
5X-\$68.00

Red Nylon Jacket without a hood

XS-XL \$55.00 2XL- \$57.00 3X- \$59.00 4X-\$61.00
5X- \$63.00

Add \$5.00 for your name on the front of the jacket. Jackets cannot be returned if a name is added on the jacket, so make sure you have the correct size ordered. Jackets orders will be placed when we have a dozen. We will contact you when the jackets come in and arrange for pick up. Shipping is available for an additional \$12.00.

Garden Flags

Order you tribal garden flag just in time for the spring. Follow jacket order information to place your garden flag order.

Garden flags are \$20.

Ways & Means would like to thank the tribal members and all those who continue to support our fundraising efforts.

*Linda M. Jackson
Ways & Means Chair*

Membership Committee

BY TY "DANCING WOLF" ELLIS

Unfortunately, the Membership Committee was unable to meet as scheduled this month due to unforeseen health related circumstances. However, we are still meant to schedule the meeting to process all applications in our next scheduled meeting in June.

That means, in our next issue, we will be welcoming our newest members here.

Tribal ID requests are actively being processed. If you have put in an ID request over the course of 2020 and have not been reached out to, please shoot us an e-mail.

For Tribal Members who need replacement cards, or for new applicants who have solid ties to the tribe, you can find digital applications for both, as well as upload them, to <https://nlltribe.com/citizenship/>. Instructions to print and mail applications in are on the page as well.

Feel free to e-mail this committee with any questions at Membership@NLLTribe.com.

New Dawn & Little Acorns

BY TY "DANCING WOLF" ELLIS

New Dawn (our youth council from 13-17) have been meeting via Zoom regularly. The utilization of Zoom has allowed us to include youth that live out of state and otherwise would not be able to participate.

The youth Council has restarted their regular meetings by discussing what kind of things they'd like to accomplish. To accompany the return after the pandemic put everything to a halt, nominations of executive positions have begun.

By the time the next newsletter is issued in July, they will have elected their new youth council.

If you would like to donate to the Tribal Youth Group or their annual Youth Camp, please visit NLLTribe.com and donate on the side bar. Be sure to select your designation in the drop down menu!

Wanishi!!