To A New Year...

By Ty “Dancing Wolf” Ellis

For our community, October is the month in which we recognize as the beginning of a New Year.

A time where all that is old shows signs of ending its cycle, ready to begin anew.

A time where we honor our elders and those who have passed on to begin their journey before their time.

A time where we hold one of our biggest and longest ceremonies of the year, which consist of lighting an ongoing flame that burns through for 12 nights, with only the exception of the one night in the middle of this ceremony where we allow the fire to burnout and be relit the following day to signify the end of one year and the beginning of another.

A time for ‘Burying the Hatchet’, where we put away all grievances accumulated over the course of the ending year.

Though we have gone through a lot, as all of our communities continue to thrive and overcome the global pandemic, we continue to Reflect on who/what we once took for granted. Thus, we present to you this year’s theme that is adopted by most of our tribal committees throughout our New Year.

Reflections

 Làpich Knewël (I will see you again)

& Happy Indigenous People’s Day
After nearly a century of our 12 night ‘Lenapeike Lehelexeokan (Lenape Way of Life) ceremonies being put away, a few years ago, the Big House was brought out again for the first time in Lenapehoking by our people. As mentioned in the cover letter, this ceremony consists of two burning flames that are started on the first night, burns through day and night, until the final day, only being allowed to burnout once on the day that our community recognized as our New Year. We unplug from the world around us and come together with good hearts and focused minds, with intentions of letting go of anything that can burden us, to learn about part of our culture lost to us, and to pray for those suffering around Mother Earth.

This event is limited to our Tribal Community and neighboring Tribal Nations that we have been allied with and invited.
Lenapeikeye Lehelelexeokekan

Lenape Way of Life

Come Join Us For 12 Nights of Learning & Teaching of...

Nanticoke & Lenape Culture, Traditions and Way of Thought
Evenings October 8 - 19, 2021
Tobacco Burning Every Night at SUNSET at the Big House Area
Teachings Begin Afterwards

Night 1, Fri Oct 8
- Lighting of Fires (Men Only)
- Opening Prayers
- Opening Address
- Lenape Way Of Life & Thought

Night 2, Sat Oct 9
- Our Tribal History
- Creation Story
- The American Indian Movement

Night 3, Sun Oct 10
- Introduction To Prayer Words
- Wampum
- Naming Ceremony & Its Importance

Night 4, Mon, Oct 11
- The Clan System, Its Importance & How To Bring It Back
- Rolls of the Men

Night 5, Tue, Oct 12
- Our Relationship with Creation
- The Spirit Beings & Their Rolls

Night 6, Wed, Oct 13
- Ceremonial Medicines (Tobacco, Cedar, Sweetgrass, Etc.) & Their Use
- Healing Plants

Night 7, Thu, Oct 14
- Ceremonial Pipe
- Visions, Their Importance & How They Were Obtained

Night 8, Fri, Oct 15
- Women's Rolls & Rematriation
- Burying the Hatchet – Putting away grievances from the past year
- Fires Burn Out – End of the Year
- Feast

Night 9, Sat, Oct 16
- Sweat Lodge Teachings (daytime)
- Relighting of the Fires (Men Only)
- Grandfather Fire
- Grandmother Water
- Sweat Lodge Ceremony

Night 10, Sun, Oct 17
- Prayer Sticks
- The Journey After Life
- Significance of “X”
- Nanticoke Skeleton Dance

Night 11, Mon, Oct 18
- Green Corn, Mesingw, Big House, Football, Doll Dance & Other Ceremonies

Night 12, Tue, Oct 19
- Reciting of Visions Ceremony
- Closing Prayers

Please Bring...
A Chair
A Blanket & Good Feelings
Questions Are Encouraged

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY - FACE MASK ARE REQUIRED
TEMPERATURES WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE ENTERING THE BIG HOUSE

For more information or to donate food contact Urie Ridgeway at uridgeway@gmail.com
To all my relations,

I hope this correspondence finds you well. Gathering is fast approaching with a reoccurring theme of “Honoring Our Past” as we Reflect on the work of so many that have come before us. These acts of service to our community have carried us to this point on our journey through the seven generations. It is important that we remember the “old ones” that have guided and watched over our tribal family throughout the centuries. Remember our ancestors that have shaped our community today. Remember those who have taken that journey more recently as we continue to mourn their physical presence in our lives. And last but not least, remember our Creator that has given us all.

Këmêshálhûmëna (We remember you)

Please also remember that there is much more work to be done. We need each other as we navigate our present and future. I encourage you to honor our past by becoming active today. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month. As a result of the national pandemic, we are practicing social distancing by staying in our cars as we gather at 3:00 pm at the tribal grounds until further notice. We hope to see you at the Fall 2021 Gathering this month. Please follow social distancing and masks guidelines from the CDC and State of NJ.

“One finger cannot lift a pebble.” - Hopi

2021 Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Nation Fall Gathering Agenda

Saturday, October 16, 2021

7:00 am        Meet at the grounds for fishing expedition
12:00 pm       Storytelling
1:00-2:00      Women’s Circle Tribal women 12+
2:00-3:00      Lunch
3:00-until     General Membership Meeting

Sunday, October 17, 2021

10:00-11:00    Prayer Circle
11:00-11:30    Prayer Ties
11:30-12:00    Etiquette Reminder
12:00-until    Spiritual Ceremony

Lunch (directly following the Spiritual Ceremony). Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
First and foremost, the Pow-Wow Committee would like to congratulate our new Co-Chairperson, Lindsey Jackson. After nearly 8 years, previous Chairperson, Lia Gould-Ellis, has stepped down from her position, allowing at-the-time Co-Chairperson, Ty Ellis, to take over the position until the next election. Those elections were held in August of this year, where all held positions remained the same with the exception of newly nominated and elected Co-Chairperson. Lindsey has been dedicated and committed to helping with the Pow-Wow for years, and has accepted the responsibility of Co-Chair. Round of applause for her.

The Pow-Wow Committee has been working hard on planning for next year’s event in June. In the meantime, we’ve been trying to slowly go back to accommodating program request.

With the pandemic, we have been utilizing Zoom for Q&As, and pre-recorded dance performances and questionnaires. Unfortunately, we have not been able accommodate them all. Especially during the month of October and November for obvious reasons; we get a large number of requests that we can’t keep up with. We apologize in advance. Hopefully, sometime prior to the next quarterly Newsletter, we will have created an online form for program requests to be filed and corresponded to, potentially with requested honorarium estimates.

Some of our Tribal Members aren’t yet comfortable performing in public. However, we have begun to accommodate some of those in person requests.

Lastly, we foresee our long awaited Webseries to be released shortly after ceremonies. Keep your eyes peeled within the next month for the first episode release!
THE NANTICOKE LENNI-LENAPE TRIBAL NATION
LIHEAP PROGRAM
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

ARE YOU NATIVE AMERICAN WITH A TRIBAL AFFILIATION AND IN NEED OF HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE? IF YOU MAKE AT OR BELOW THE NEW JERSEY STATE MEDIAN INCOME, YOU MIGHT QUALIFY. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 6 YRS OF AGE, ARE ON DISABILITY, OR LIVING ON A FIXED OR LOW INCOME BUDGET, THEN YOU MIGHT QUALIFY.

STAY TUNED!

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THE NANTICOKE LENNI-LENAPE TRIBAL NATION LIHEAP ENERGY PROGRAM IS COMING SOON!
Hello everyone.

In the next two months New Dawn will be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat at the tribal grounds on Friday and Saturday night outside projected movie time tba. On Saturday the youth will be doing a craft together and they will help the little acorns visit the pumpkin patch. Any New Dawn youth who will be camping out please let us know. Hope to see everyone at Gathering and Trunk Or Treat. October 23, at 6:00 PM (flyer below). There will be lots of Trunks, Candy, and a Movie outside. $5 food meal Hot Dog, Chips, and a drink, as well as other snacks will be sold as a fundraiser toward UNITY. At the November Citizenship Meeting New Dawn will be doing a white elephant probability auction, join in on the fun. During the gathering on Oct. 15, 16, 17 New Dawn will be helping in the activities.

Back in August, we had our first New Dawn & Little Acorns Youth Retreat at our tribal grounds. We are hoping this will be a first of a series of gettogethers by our Tribal Youth. We’re considering this Gathering as our second, as our New Dawn members participate in our Big House ceremonies (most for the first time ever) and be taught the responsibility of continuing on with our events and our traditions.

Lastly, we are calling out to all Tribal Citizens who may have old regalies, shawls, and other items that you may be willing to donate. We’re hoping to repurpose and repair items so that they may be reused by our youth and other members who don’t have any of these items. Please reach out to us at NewDawn@NLLTribe.com.

Wanishi!
Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape
New Dawn Youth Group
Presents

Trunk Or Treat

October 23, 2021 @ 6 PM
Cohanzick Tribal Grounds
75 Westcott Station Rd
Bridgeton, NJ

Event for both our own Tribal Youth and our surrounding communities!!!

Hotdogs, chips, snacks, soda, and possibly frybread will be available for purchase.

Decorated trunks still in need (contact NewDawn@NLLTribe.com)

Come dressed up and ready to dance! (Leave the Pocahontas Costumes and Feathercaps home. This is cultural appropriation!)

Bring a lawn chair & blanket (May set up a movie during the event!)

Please practice safety in regards to Covid-19
Fall is here already. Time for jackets and holiday shopping!!!!! We can help you with both. We are taking orders for the new tribal jackets. Jackets now have Tribal Nation across the bottom. Order your new jacket today.

Here is how you can place your order. Send your order to Nanticoke Lenni - Lenape Ways & Means: 18 East Commerce St. Bridgeton, N.J. 08302 or Send your order to Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Ways & Means: P.O. Box 544 Bridgeton, N.J. 08302 or Call 856-451-2231 or Email - Jlact965@aol.com

Please include the following in your order: Name, Phone number, Address, Jacket color, Jacket size, Name to place on jacket, Check made out 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 can not be returned if a name is added on the jacket, so make sure you have the correct size ordered. Jacket 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. All of the following items can be ordered by following the jacket order procedure. These items will also be available at the Tribal meetings and the Turtle Trading Post.

We have tribal garden flags available. Garden flags are $20. Tribal Face Mask are $10. 2021 Tribal Holiday Ornament will be available for purchase at the end of October.

We are selling 25% discount shopping passes for $5. Passes will be available for purchase starting now and ending on October 20. You can purchase your pass at 18 East Commerce St., at our monthly tribal meeting, or use the contact information above. A pass can be purchased and mailed to anyone who does not live in the area. The pass is good for any Boscov’s location.

The Friends Helping Friends offer is a 25%* discount shopping pass. Individuals who purchase a pass can redeem it at any Boscov’s location (not valid online) on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. *Some exclusions apply. Individuals can purchase a Friends Helping Friends shopping pass for $5 each from the tribe. The entire $5 goes directly to our Tribal Nation. Get an early jump on your holiday shopping while saving money and supporting the tribe. Please let us know if you would like to help sell passes for this event. Spread the word to your family and friends. See the flyer for additional information and time.

Please stop down to the Turtle Trading Post to visit and do some holiday shopping. The Turtle Trading Post is located at 18 East Commerce St. in Bridgeton. The store is open Tuesday and Friday from 10.a.m. - 5.p.m. You can reach us by calling 856-455-6910 or email us at nlli.tradingpost@gmail.com Hope to see you soon!

Ways & Means would like to thank the tribal citizens and all those who continue to support our fundraising efforts.
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(Non-Profit Organization)

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SHOP 8AM - 11PM

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Jlact965@aol.com OR 856-451-2231

For more details visit boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends
Naming Ceremony – Uncle Lewis “Sonny” Pierce
The Naming & Prayer Ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 12:00 noon. We will gather at the ceremonial circle at 11:45 AM to review proper etiquette for prayer circle participation. Etiquette list will be attached to the end of this newsletter.

We have met our limit to the number of people able to get their names this ceremony. For anybody tribal members interested in giving or receiving a name should reach out prior to the next ceremony in May. Families giving names are responsible for bringing side dishes for the feast. Contact Cultural Retention for suggestions. Family must also help with cleanup of building after the feast.

Turtle Trading Post
The store at 18 E Commerce Street in Bridgeton is open. Store Hours are Tuesday and Friday from 10 A.M to 5 P.M

IT Committee – Ty “Dancing Wold” Ellis
Since the birth of the new website and the ability to collect donations approximately 2 years ago, we have received a total of over $36,000! We as a tribal community thank all of our surrounding friends for assistance in keeping things operation during these crazy times! We are very appreciative!

Membership Meeting
Next membership meeting is October 21 @ 10 AM. Please have any new Applications in prior to this so that they are processed.

General Meeting
Our General Meeting is at 3PM at the Tribal Grounds.