

Tribal Talk



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Message from the Chief

Autumn is approaching quickly, and as the Tribe begins a new fiscal year, we are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. The Tribe has had a busy and successful spring and summer, with many events organized by our Tribal staff, including our Pow Wow, second annual Summer Camp, and first annual Symposium, as well as numerous other activities for both the young and elderly. I encourage everyone to continue participating in these events and supporting our shared goals. With everyone's involvement, we will remain Upper Mattaponi Strong.

With respect and excitement for the seasons ahead,
Chief W. Frank Adams

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for any questions or comments
regarding Tribal Talk.

Announcements



Job Openings

UMT Health

Home Health Nurse (RN & LPN)

Dentist

Physical Therapist

Physician

COTA

LPN/CMA

Credentialing Manager

Clinical Manager

UMT Government

Community Services Director

For more information, you can find the job postings on the website at www.umitribe.org

Holiday Office Closures

All tribal government offices are **closed** on the following dates:



- November 11th - Veterans Day
- November 28th - Thanksgiving Day
- November 29th - Native American Heritage Day
- December 24th - Christmas Eve
- December 25th - Christmas Day
- January 1st - New Year's Day

Christmas Luncheon

Join us for our annual Christmas Luncheon, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with friends and family! Enjoy festive food, great company, and joyful activities as we come together to share in the spirit of the holidays. Please RSVP by November 15 to Carol Ann Adams by calling (804) 769-0041 or emailing carol.adams@umitribe.gov.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
UPPER MATTAPONI CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024
AT 1:00 PM

Indian View Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
13349 King William Road
King William, VA 23086

All Upper Mattaponi Tribal Citizens and their families are invited to attend this catered meal for some holiday cheer.

Please RSVP by November 15, 2024 with Carol Ann Adams
Phone: (804)-769-0041
Email: Carol.Adams@umitribe.gov

Tribal Government



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The Sharon Indian School Foundation Welcomes New Board of Directors

Chief Frank Adams recently appointed Connie Lovelace, Sally Edmonds, and Lana Real as the new Board of Directors for the Sharon Indian School Foundation.

Both Connie and Sally attended the Sharon Indian School, giving them a deep understanding of its significance in tribal history. Their experiences as former students allow them to carry forward the school's legacy while working to support the next generation of learners. Lana, a former librarian and educator, has also been directly impacted by the Foundation's work. She was a recipient of its scholarships and internships, making her well-versed in the opportunities it can provide to tribal citizens.

The new Board is eager to support Upper Mattaponi citizens in their educational pursuits and preserve tribal culture for generations.



Upcoming Meeting Dates

11/21 - Council Meeting at 6:00pm (virtual)

No Citizens Meeting in November.

12/19 - Council Meeting at 6:00pm (virtual)

No Citizens Meeting in December; please join us for the Christmas luncheon!

Can't make the meetings? No worries! We offer the option to join all of the citizen meetings virtually through Zoom.

Tribal Government

UMT Open Law Library

Explore the Upper Mattaponi Tribe's Constitution and passed legislation on Open Law Library! This resource offers easy access to the documents that protect tribal sovereignty and define our government's structure, roles, and processes. Stay informed and actively participate in the continued growth and governance of our Tribe.

Scan the QR code to visit:
law.umitribe.org



Photo credit: Canva

Hunting Season & the Upper Mattaponi Wildlife Management Code

This hunting season, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe is excited to introduce the new Wildlife Management Code. This law, adopted on September 28, 2024, aims to protect our hunting, fishing, and gathering rights while ensuring we care for our fish, wildlife, and plants.

The Code was developed after several listening sessions with tribal citizens and collaboration with the Governance and Administration Committee before being reviewed and passed by the UMT Council. It is available on the Tribe's Open Law Library.

The Tribe is working to establish a Wildlife Commission to oversee these rules. Until then, hunters are encouraged to read the Code, as it contains important interim regulations for this season. The new regulations will help sustain the tribal community by ensuring responsible hunting on tribal lands and protecting our natural environment for future generations. As we prepare for the season, let's work together to be sensible hunters and protect our natural resources. For questions, please contact the tribal office at (804) 769-0041.

In the Spotlight



Photo credits: The UMT Agricultural Department and Memories Videography

The 2024 Upper Mattaponi Tribal Showcase

On Friday, September 27th, the Program Management Office hosted the first Upper Mattaponi Tribal Showcase at the Indian View Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The event highlighted the Tribe's accomplishments and programs since federal recognition in 2018. Over 70 participants enjoyed a catered lunch while learning about services and opportunities available to Upper Mattaponi Tribal citizens and their families. Grateful for the positive response, the Program Management Office looks forward to hosting a second showcase in 2025. Stay tuned!

Photo Captions

1. Chief Frank Adams welcomes attendees to the first annual Upper Mattaponi Tribal Showcase.
2. UMT's Justice Brian Cameron from the Judicial Branch introduces himself to tribal citizens.
3. Councilperson Ken Adams and tribal citizen Joey Adams discuss one of the many old maps on display at the event.
4. As the Director of Facilities, Infrastructure, Grounds, and Land Management, Tommy Tupponce presents on the Department's latest projects and initiatives.
5. Emergency Management's Laura Morse features important information and resources for citizens to stay prepared during hurricane season.
6. Joanie Beverley and Teddy Shelton from the Agricultural Department prepare delicious hors d'oeuvres using fresh ingredients from the Tribal Garden.

Programs & Services



Broadband Internet Bill Pay

APPLY NOW!

We have 2 spots left for income eligible citizens to receive internet bill pay assistance.

- There is NO service area requirement! You can apply from ANYWHERE!
- If approved, a one-time payment of \$1044 will be sent directly to your internet provider!
- Already received this service in 2022 or 2023? You can apply AGAIN for 2024!

**Act now, program ends this Fall.
Call Sophie at (757) 707-5967 for details!**



Looking for Housing Help? Check Your Rental Assistance Eligibility Now!

How do I know if I Qualify?

- ✓ Property must be located within a 25 mile radius of Sharon Indian School.
- ✓ Have a maximum household income of 80% of the local median income.

**Call to Inquire!
Contact Kathryn Rowell,
Director of Housing
(757) 707-5099**

80% of Local Median Income (FY 2023) for Richmond, VA MSA*

Number of People in Household (including children)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income of ALL adults in the household (do not include income of dependent children)	\$59,750	\$68,250	\$76,800	\$85,300	\$92,150	\$98,950	\$105,800	\$112,600

*NOTE: King William County is part of the Richmond, VA MSA, so all information presented here applies to all of the Richmond, VA MSA.

- ✓ Rent charges fall within fair market value.

Fair Market Rent by Unit Bedrooms (FY 2024) for Richmond, VA MSA*

Efficiency or Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3 Bedrooms	4 Bedrooms
\$1,328	\$1,365	\$1,532	\$1,959	\$2,393

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FALL TREE GIVEAWAY

AVAILABLE
FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVE!

TYPES OF TREES AVAILABLE:

- Eastern Redbud
- Elderberry
- Flowering Dogwood
- Serviceberry
- Sweetbay Magnolia
- Witchhazel

Fall Tree Giveaway: Growing a Greener Future

Join us for our annual Fall Tree Giveaway to celebrate the changing season and our connection to the land while promoting a greener future. Trees are vital to our tribal community, enhancing air quality, improving soil, and providing habitats for wildlife.

To request your tree and receive planting guides, please contact Conor Real at (804) 994-1937 or conor.real@umitribe.gov.

Together, let's cultivate a healthier community by planting trees that will thrive for generations!



Severe Weather: Staying Prepared



While most experts predicted the 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season to be "above-average", they are now predicting this season has the potential to break the record of 30 named storms in one season!

UMT's Department of Emergency Management monitors severe weather and collaborates with local, state, and federal partners for resources. If you or a family member has been affected by a disaster, UMT can help connect you with local assistance. Additionally, the Tribe is committed to citizen safety and may reach out to check on the well-being of tribal citizens after a disaster. To stay connected, please ensure all your contact information is updated with the Tribe.

IMPORTANT

For updates to your contact information or to check what the Tribe has on file, please contact Wilma Hicks, Director of Records Management, Enrollment, & ICWA, at wilma.hicks@umitribe.gov or (804) 535-0557 ext. 141.

For information on emergency preparedness or local resources, reach out to Laura Morse, Director of Emergency Management, at laura.morse@umitribe.gov or (804) 535-0121 ext. 129.

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The Upper Mattaponi

Tribal Youth Council

Now Seeking Applications for 2024-2025

To apply for the Upper Mattaponi Tribal Youth Council, you must read and understand the duties of the position and meet ALL of the eligibility requirements. Submit your completed application by **Friday, October 11, 2024**.

***Now open on a rolling basis!**

Applications should be emailed to Martin Saniga or turned in/mailed to:

Upper Mattaponi Tribe
Program Management Office
Attn: Martin Saniga
17 Kelley Lane
King William, Virginia 23086

Martin.Saniga@umitribe.gov



ELIGIBILITY

- Be an enrolled citizen of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe.
- Be between the age of 10-24 at the time of applying.
- Must be engaged in a program of education or employed.

DUTIES

- Attend TYC meetings. Meetings may be virtual or in-person.
- Agree to serve a complete one year term (Oct 1 - Sept 30).
- Be a positive community influence and actively participate in all TYC projects or activities.

CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Consent & Permission Forms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short Answer Questions | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of Medical & Dental Insurance Cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Acknowledgement | |

UMT Youth Council: Apply Today!

We're seeking applications for the Tribal Youth Council! If you're passionate about making a difference in your community, apply now—applications are accepted on a rolling basis with no due date. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop leadership skills and contribute to tribal initiatives. For more information, contact Martin Saniga at (804) 535-0089 or martin.saniga@umitribe.gov.

UMT Turkey Shoot*

Join us for another season of our Turkey Shoot! Happening the second Saturday of each month from November to March at the tribal grounds, the event starts at 7 PM and runs until the fun's over! Hosted by the Youth Council and PMO, it features rounds for all ages, including a BB gun round for kids. Enjoy food and drinks for purchase, as well as a great competition!

*Stock guns only

First Event: Saturday, November 9

Upper Mattaponi
Turkey Shoot

SECOND SATURDAYS @ 7:00 PM
NOVEMBER 2024 - MARCH 2025
UPPER MATTAPONI TRIBAL GROUNDS
13476 KING WILLIAM RD, KING WILLIAM, VA 23086

** STOCK GUNS ONLY **
** FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE **
** CHILDREN'S BB GUN ROUND **

Hosted by the UMT Youth Council and PMO

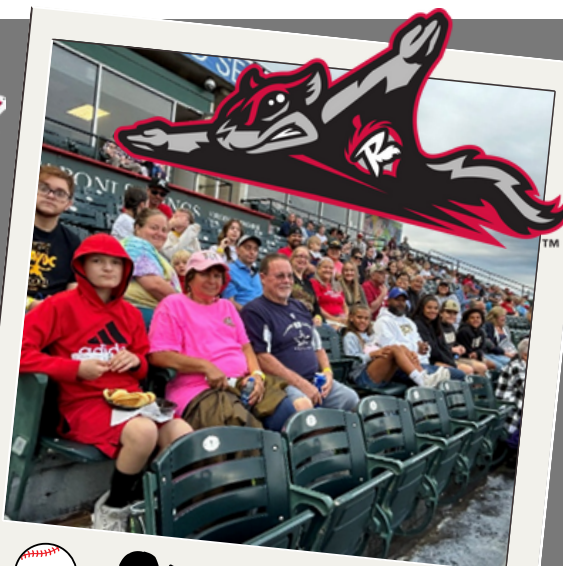
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Elder Care News



Recent Events

The UMT Elder and Youth Night at the Diamond was a fantastic event, bringing together citizens of all generations for a night of fun. Attendees enjoyed delicious food, watched an exciting Flying Squirrels game, and were treated to a spectacular fireworks display. The sense of community and connection made for a memorable evening for everyone involved!



PLAY BALL!

Photo credit: Jennifer Tupponce

What's New?

I am excited to welcome Ann Taylor to the UMT Eldercare team! With 31 years of experience in healthcare, Ann brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our department. She is a licensed CNA, Phlebotomist, Medical Assistant, and is also CPR certified. Ann has been a vital part of the healthcare side of UMT since it opened its doors, and we are thrilled that she is now bringing her skills and passion for patient care to our Eldercare services. Her commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our elders will undoubtedly make a significant impact as we continue to expand our offerings.

Please join us in welcoming Ann to the team! We look forward to the great things she will accomplish in her new role.

Upcoming Events

Get ready for a spooktacular night! On October 29th, Elder Care is throwing a thrilling Bingo Night combined with a Halloween Party! Wear your scariest costume or your favorite fall attire and join us for an evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition. Delicious dinner will be provided to keep your energy up for all the festivities! Don't miss out—RSVP by October 25th to secure your spot for this frightfully fun event! 🎃👻

Jennifer Tupponce, Elder Care Director | jennifer.tupponce@umitribe.gov | 804.856.1961

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Environmental Team Expansion

The Environmental Department has undergone new and exciting changes this summer!

Two staff members transitioned into leadership roles: Andria "Andi" Greene is now the Environmental Director, and Conor Real serves as the Environmental Operations Manager. The team also expanded, welcoming Environmental Specialist Liz Buikema, who brings expertise in water resources, and Carrie Fox (Pamunkey), who will join in October as a Seasonal Fisheries Technician to assist with juvenile Atlantic Sturgeon sampling in the Mattaponi River. Alongside Johnathan Oxendine (Haliwa-Saponi) and Lane Eubank (Chickahominy), the team works to reconnect tribal citizens with their historic lands by studying, managing, and reacquiring ancestral resources. Ongoing scientific activities include water sampling across 1,300 acres of tribal land and establishing an air quality monitoring station.

Citizens are encouraged to join our sampling efforts on VCU research vessels. For more information, contact Andi at 804-769-0041 ext. 149 or andria.greene@umitribe.gov.



Photo credits: The UMT Environmental Department

UMT Merch Store

Show your Upper Mattaponi pride with our exclusive branded merchandise! Our online merch store offers high-quality t-shirts, hats, and accessories, with each purchase directly supporting our tribal community's events and initiatives. Visit us today and wear your pride!



Scan the QR code to visit:
umtmerch.myshopify.com

**It's Flu Season:
Schedule an
Appointment Today!**

(804) 769-2015
afwellness.com



Resources

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- Chief W. Frank Adams
- Assistant Chief Lou Wratchford
- Speaker of the Council Rob Adams
- Councilperson Ken Adams
- Councilperson Owen Adams
- Councilperson Desiree Dyer
- Councilperson Eithna "Beth" Gondos (At-Large)
- Councilperson Wilma Hicks
- Councilperson Harry "Sonny" Knighton

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