



Quarterly Tribal Newsletter - April 2024

Annual Meeting Information

Come and enjoy the special celebration of our 50th year of incorporation and our Kansas Delaware heritage!

KANSAS DELAWARE TRIBE
2024 ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 8, 2024

2024 Annual Meeting: June 8, 2024 at 9:00 am
Location: George Meyn Building
Address: 126th & State Avenue Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Registration begins at 8:30 am
Meeting ends around 3:00 pm



Election Info

2024 Tribal Council Election Information

Three Kansas Delaware Indian Tribal Council positions will be voted upon for a term of one year.

The Tribal Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Central Time via Zoom video conference.

If you are interested in becoming a Tribal Council Member, please submit a short biography (in Word format) to Becky Taylor at beckyt0214@gmail.com by **no later than May 1st**.

Please be sure to include the following items in your bio:

- Your specific traits or qualifications that will be valuable in a tribal council member role

- Your previous leadership experience relevant for the position

Please limit your biography to 300 words or less and submit in text format. Photos should not be included.

Online voting will be utilized again this year, as well as in-person voting at the start of the June 8th Annual meeting.

In late May, Election Notice will be issued via Election Buddy containing all of the candidate's information and a voting ballot.

You will receive an email from Election Buddy to complete your online ballot (if you wish to cast your vote electronically). You can also vote in-person at the Annual Meeting on June 8th.

Interested in supporting the Tribe in other ways?

Please contact one of the current Tribal Council Members if you are interested in serving your tribe through one of the committees. Additionally, the tribe is also seeking support in the following areas:

- Committee volunteers and support
- Website management
- Merchandise management

Committees & Goals

Tribal Council Election Results were tallied and announced at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Chief Graff swore in the new council members during the annual meeting.

Following the annual meeting, the Tribal Council has formed three key committees focused on advancing the Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians.

- **Culture | Chair: [Lee Jarrell](#)**

The Culture Committee of the Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians exists to celebrate the Lenape history, language, and ceremonial traditions for future generations by:

- Promoting, protecting, and preserving these traditions through increasing their visibility within the tribe and for the general public
- Establishing activities by the Culture Committee chair and members that promote our goal.

- **Communication | Chair: [Rebecca Barton](#)**

The Communication Committee of the Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians exists to help create a sense of community among tribal members and to motivate engagement throughout the tribe by:

- Sharing important tribal events, business, and news through multiple channels (which may include email, social media, website, and/or postal mail)
- Maintaining multiple channels of communication to inform tribal members as well as promote awareness and knowledge of the Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians
- Establishing activities by the Communication Committee chair and members that promote our goal.

- **Membership | Chair: [LaNora Lowe-Ung](#)**

The Membership Committee of the Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians exists to preserve the integrity of up-to-date certified rolls of tribal members by:

- Working to increase membership through member participation for updating current contact and roll information for family members
- Verifying files for accuracy on tribal documentation
- Documenting current membership through monthly reports to the Kansas Delaware Tribal Council
- Establishing a process for the Membership Committee Chair and members that promote our goal

If you are interested in getting involved with any of the committees or other tribal initiatives, please reach out to any of the Tribal Council members.

Scholarship Information

Print and complete the [scholarship application on our website](#) as well as typing an essay regarding the history of your family with the Kansas Delaware.

The completed application and essay are due by **May 1, 2024**.

Mail the completed application and essay to:

Linda Graff, Chief
Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians, Inc.
10728 W 116th Street
Overland Park, KS 66210

Let's Talk Lenape - Language Lesson

English: Spring
Lenape: **Sikon**
Pronunciation: SEE-koan

MARCH



ALËNIXSITÀ
(ah-luh-nee-SEE)
Let's talk Len

SPRING
Sikòn
(SEE-koan)

IT WILL
Sukèlà:
(SOO-kuh-

MARCH (Shad Fish Month)
Shëwanamèkwi Kishux
(shuh-wah-nah-meh-KWEE) (KEE-shoo

MAPLE TREE
Ansikëmès
(ahn-SEE-kuh-mess)

RAINBOW
Mënèkòn
(muh-NUH-koan)



IT IS BEGINNING TO B
Alëmi òtaeyu
(AH-luh-me) (oh-tah-

Wanishi for your time & interest! Please visit www.talk-1
Làpich knewël

Let's Speak Lenape!



Days of the Week:

Sunday - *Sàntèke* - (sun-DECK-ay)
Monday - *Mantèke* - (mahn-DECK-ay)
Tuesday - *Tustèke* - (too-STUCK-ay)
Wednesday - *Lelai* - (lay-LAH-ee)
Thursday - *Tàstèke* - (tuss-STUCK-ay)
Friday - *Pèlaitèke* - (puh-lah-ee-TECK-ay)
Saturday - *Satètèke* - (sah-tuh-TECK-ay)

If you would like to receive the monthly Lenape Language Lesson, which also includes an audio file to hear the spoken lenape language, *Please email Susan Webb at sweb7031@gmail.com and request to be added to the Language Lesson distribution list. Wanishi.*

[Lenape Language](#)

Membership Updates

It is important to keep your contact information current with the Tribe.

Please contact [LaNora Lowe-Ung](#) with any updated contact information for you and your family members.

Reminder: Add Us to Your Safe Senders List

To ensure you continue to receive Tribal newsletters and other communications, please be sure to add this email address to your Safe Senders List.

Our full email address is:

TribalCouncil@kansasdelaawaretribe.ccsend.com



Check out the Lenape Store!

You don't need to wait until the annual meeting to show your Kansas Delaware support and pride. Check out the new **Kansas Delaware Tribe Store**.

Explore the current selection of t-shirts, posters, flags, and more!

Watch for new items coming soon. Tribal Council members Lee Jarrell and Susan Webb are working hard to provide new items to celebrate the **Tribe's 50th Anniversary of Incorporation** at the Annual Meeting on June 8th! Don't miss it!

[Click Here to Shop Now!](#)



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