



Nmahom Mkezenal (My Grandfathers' Moccasins)

Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi St.Francis/Sokoki Band

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Special points of interest:

- WARNING GENERAL MEETING
- NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS
- HARVEST SUPPER



WARNING

General Meeting

October 25, 2008

Dinner 5:00 p.m.

General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Mary Babcock Elementary School

Grand Avenue Swanton

Chief's

Corner

For the purpose of Nominations & Elections to Tribal Council

Tribal Citizens, I hope to see you at the Harvest Supper so I can update you on everything that has been happening with the Nation. You may have heard rumors or gossip around town, but please come to the general meeting to find out what is going on with your Nation. We have made some changes with the A.S.H.A.I. Board of Directors as well as Tribal Headquarters. These changes have made a big difference around here. The Tribal Council and I would like to see more changes as well. We would like to see more participation from our citizens. The work we do here is for you and our future generations. I have some ideas that I would like to present to you at the General Meeting. I feel it is extremely important that you attend. I know you would like to receive newsletters on a regular basis but that is not possible due to lack of funds. I am working on that but we need your support, otherwise I'm left to wonder just who am I doing this for? We have experienced changes over the past several months and those changes are good. We have seen more people getting involved in the daily activities here at Tribal Headquarters. It is wonderful to see that involvement, but we need everyone's involvement. We need every generation to be active, young, middle aged and elders. Let us pull together and do what needs to be done for the next seven generations!

Chief April St.Francis Merrill



Harvest Supper

Everyone has said how much they enjoyed the Harvest Suppers over the years. We've listened to your concerns and we have decided to have the supper, the general meeting, nominations, and elections all at the same time. Instead of holding elections on a different date, people said they wanted to have nominations and elections held at the same time as the Harvest Supper. We will do this for the first time on October 25. After everyone eats, all guests who are not Abenaki will be asked to leave until the meeting is finished. If this works out we will continue this tradition. This is potluck so please bring a dish if you plan on attending. The supper will start at 5:00 p.m.

There are 4 positions open for Tribal Council. Those interested in running should plan on attending. We anticipate beginning our meeting at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Brenda Gagne, President of the A.S.H.A.I. Board of Directors & Chief April St.Francis Merrill