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COMMUNITY

Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutawâm (*Greetings to my Tribal Community*),

Happy Spring! Everywhere we look we see the natural world around us awakening from its winter rest with trees budding and herring running; all things that I am grateful for. I'm also grateful for our Tribal community... a strong Mashpee Wampanoag Nation that is walking in parallel with the seasons. Like the trees and the herring, we are also enjoying a period of growth and prosperity in almost every part of our Tribal community. This is a time of great optimism for our future.

As you know, this has been an extremely busy time for our Tribe. We are preparing for the construction of our new Government and Community Center, looking for new opportunities to expand the programs and services we provide, and preparing for our long-term economic future.

Our plans for a destination resort casino in Taunton are proceed-

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Zoning Board Approves Community Center

On the evening of Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at the Town of Mashpee Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting, our Tribe received a height variance unanimous vote approval from the Mashpee ZBA for the new Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community Government Center building. It was a long, thoughtful, professional and artful presentation by our team to the Mashpee ZBA.

The ZBA vote was unanimous! We are victorious. We have to complete a few engineering components and submit, within the next 20 days and we are final. We will successfully have permits to commence construction of the new 43,000 square foot, \$12.7 million USDA funded Tribal Community Government building. We'll have the final engineering components submitted by next week via our Civil Engineer Mark Dibb. Bid-packages for general contracting will commence mid-April, 2012.

I want to thank Tribal Council members that attended & involved with the project Treasurer Mark Harding along with Councilwoman Trish Keliinui and tribal members that attended Yvonne Tobey, Daryl Frye Sr., John Peters Jr., Chef John

Marcellino & wife his Robin, David Weeden, Jim Rossignol and David Green.

I want to thank our legal representative Brian Hurley for presenting last night along with Architect

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3rd Annual Quahog Day



Join us as we gather for a day of Quahog and shell fishing with tribal youth and their families. We will meet at Tribal Council Headquarters on 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA, at 9:30 am. Bring fishing boots, baskets, rakes, extra clothing to change into, and any other fishing gear you'd like to donate to

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Calendar of Events

Weekly Events

Mondays - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, *Maushop Farm, 213 Sampson Mill Rd.*

Mondays - 5:30 p.m.

Youth Cultural Night, *Mashpee Rod and Gun Club*

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m.

Noun Possession Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.

Beginner Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Youth Cultural Night, *Rod and Gun Club*

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.

Transitive Inanimate Verb Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Fridays - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry, *Mashpee Baptist Church*

Biweekly - 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

Mashpee Food Pantry, *The food pantry is held on Monday and Wednesday every other week*

Biweekly - 10:30 a.m to 2:30 p.m.

New Bedford Food Pantry, *The food pantry is held on Tuesday and Thursday every other week*

Monthly - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Youth Dance Class at General Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

Monthly - 7:00 p.m.

Chiefs Circle, *Old Indian Meeting House. It is held the first Tuesday of the month.*

Additional Events

April 15 - 2:00 p.m.

Monthly General Membership Meeting, *Mashpee Highschool*

Please note that the April meeting is on the third Sunday in observance of Easter Sunday

April 18 - 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

3rd Annual Quahog Day, *MWT Headquarters*



* Congratulations to tribal member **Savannah Maher** on her second place award at the South Shore Regional Science Fair held at Bridgewater State University on March 10. Daughter of tribal member Paula Peters, Savannah is a junior at Falmouth Academy where she originated her science project on the effects of caffeine on memory. Savannah earned a place in the Mass State Science Fair to be held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in May.

* Congratulations to **C.J. Oakley-Robbins** for making Mashpee High School's High Five Club. C.J. has found that the best aspect of life at Mashpee High School has been the open-minded and accepting student body and faculty. C.J. has been an avid athlete and exceptional student at MHS. He has played on the lacrosse team from 7th grade through 12th grade, as well as being a member of the winter track team during his junior year. This year C.J. joined the Future Business Leaders of America and is currently looking forward to the club's yearly trip New York City. Outside of school, he has worked at Stop and Shop for the past three years, as well as working as a coach for the Mashpee youth lacrosse team, which caters to players between the age of 4 - 15. C.J. considers his greatest achievement to be the fact that he has maintained excellent academic standing while balancing, work, sports, after school activities, as well as a social life, and all the while making his family proud. This year C.J. intends to pass his three AP exams, get accepted to his top-choice university, and to receive the Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship. Next year, C.J. hopes to be pursuing a degree in Marketing at New York University. Congratulations and good luck C.J.!

Cape Cod Arts Association Awards Keturah Peters 1st Place



Chairman's Message *(continued)*

ing rapidly. We have acquired an option to purchase additional land in the Liberty and Union Industrial Park. At press time, this land includes 135 acres near Routes 24 and 140. We are still considering whether additional land acquisition will make sense for our project and we will continue to inform you as decisions are made.

Part of the Massachusetts Gaming Law says that residents of a "host community" must approve any proposed gaming development. We think this is a positive and important step in developing a destination resort casino in Taunton. Providing an opportunity for the residents of Taunton to learn about the pros and cons of hosting a resort casino and allowing them to have a say on what they feel is best for their community is the right thing to do. The initial reaction from the people of Taunton has been very positive; as many people look forward to the additional jobs and revenue we can bring to their city. We continue to work closely with city

officials to make this happen, and the referendum will be held on Saturday, June 9.

To prepare for the June 9 vote, a ballot question committee has been established to help educate the residents of Taunton about the project and support a "yes" vote for a destination resort casino. This committee is separate from Tribal operations and is set up under Massachusetts Election Laws. However, there are opportunities for Tribal members to get involved and support a positive vote in Taunton. A limited number of paid opportunities will become available. If you are interested in working for the committee, please contact Yvonne Tobey in the WIA Department. There are also many opportunities to volunteer on this effort. To find out more about these volunteer opportunities, please email getinvolved@togetherfortaunton.com.

As always, please know that your opinion on the future of our economic development plans in Taunton is important. I welcome your input, as does the Tribal Council. However,

I do want to address the difference between constructive dialogue – one in which we may not agree but will listen to each other respectfully – and a dialogue that is hostile and does nothing but prevent us from reaching our goals. I know that I am not always perfect in this regard, but I am committed to doing better. I also ask each Tribal citizen to make a commitment to continuing to be involved and voicing your opinions, but doing it in a respectful, constructive manner.

This project, along with our other initiatives, is too important to get bogged down. Together, we will bring economic self-sufficiency to our Tribe and provide the best in services to our people. Together, we can continue this spring awakening for the Mashpee Wampanoag Nation.

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Cedric Cromwell
Qaqemasq (*Running Bear*)

3rd Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Quahog Day *(continued)*

the Monday Night Youth Cultural Group. A family cook-out will be held at the Tribal Headquarters. Adult volunteers are needed and parents are encouraged to attend with their kids. Donations for fishing gear may be left at the Natural Resources Office. Event sponsored by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and the MWT Natural Resources Department.

From 10:00 a.m. to noon, there will be a special education lesson "Flush the Kids" by members of the

Americorps Cape Cod.

For more information please contact Sherry Pocknett at (774) 521-7405, Evelyn Peters-Fermino at (774) 238-8594 or the Natural Resources Department at (508) 477-5800.

What: 3rd Annual Quahog Day

When: Wednesday, April 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00

All are welcome to attend



Calling all Graduates



Calling All 2012 High School and College Graduates

The Mittark will highlight our High School and College graduates in the May Edition. If you are or know a high school student that should be featured in the Mittark, please send a high-resolution photo and 200-word biography to rpocknett@mw-tribe.com by Friday, April 13th. We are proud of our students and want to celebrate their accomplishments!

Position Announcement

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is seeking qualified candidates to fill several positions. A summary of each position is below.

If you would like more information on any of the positions or are would like to apply, please contact the Tribal Office at (855) 668-7423. Please send completed applications and resumes to the Tribal Office, attention Leon Jacobs.

Tribal Administrator:

The Tribal Administrator is responsible for managing and directing the daily operations of all Tribal departments, programs and services. A minimum of 10 years of experience in executive management, financial management, or public administration is required.

Manager of Human Resources:

The Manager of Human Resources is responsible for the administration of human resources programs such as recruitment, employee relations, benefits, compensation, organizational development and HRIS. A minimum of 7 years of experience in human resources management and administration is required.



Housing Assistant:

The Housing Assistant provides administrative support to the Director of Housing. Compiles and maintains records of business transactions and office activities of the housing department. A high school diploma or (GED) and one year of previous general office/clerical experience are required.



IN THE NEWS

Powwow to be Held at the Fair Grounds

The Annual Mashpee Wampanoag "People of the First Light" Powwow will be held Friday June 29th, Saturday June 30th and Sunday July 1st. The Powwow, the longest running on the East Coast, will be held at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds, 1220 Nathan Ellis Highway (Route 151) on the Falmouth / Mashpee, town line.



Tribal Member Tapped by Local Bank

Tribal Member and long time banking executive Ronald Garcia has joined The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod. Garcia will serve as the bank's Business Development Officer in their new Loan and Business Development Center located at 649 Main Street, which opened in February.

Garcia has thirty-seven years of banking experience in the Falmouth market, including sixteen years at The Falmouth Cooperative Bank/Rockland Trust and more than twenty years at The Falmouth National Bank. In his new position with The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod, Garcia is responsible for introducing the bank's wide range of business banking solutions and demonstrating its positively different banking approach to the local community.

The Falmouth lending office is the seventh branch for The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod. Currently, the Loan and Business Development Center offers a 24-hour full service ATM, residential and commercial lending services, and a wide range of business services..

"Ron is a tremendous addition to the team and brings years of experience helping Falmouth residents with their banking needs," said Joel Crowell, President of The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod. "We think Ron's a perfect fit. His veteran leadership and passion for the community are well-known in Falmouth."

Added Garcia: "I am excited about joining The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod. It is a solid financial institution that has been in business for more than ninety years. Customers are going to appreciate the services and support that they receive from a local bank. This institution is truly



committed to making a positive difference in the Falmouth community."

Garcia is a former Member and Vice-Chairman of the Town of Falmouth Finance Committee, a Board Member and Past President of the Scholarship Association of Falmouth, a former Trustee of Falmouth Hospital and Falmouth Academy, and a Past Board Member of the Falmouth Service Center. He and his wife, Donna, are both native Cape Codders who have been back in Falmouth for thirty-nine years. They have two grown children, Craig and Kristen.

Pics from Taunton Announcement



Help Cleanup Noisy Hole



You do not have to go far up Noisy Hole Road (the second largest collection of open space) to see that this piece of land is being abused and is need of help. Travel just a quarter mile up the road and you will see paint cans, contractor trash bags, couches, box springs, mattresses, broken windows, televisions, a vacuum cleaner, computer screens, and a leaf blower, among other pieces of trash.

Please join the Natural Resources Department (NRD), Town of Mashpee Stewardship Program, and local and lower-Cape residents in a cleanup of the Noisy Hole Conservation and Tribal Housing Lands on Saturday, May 5. Participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. sharp at 483 Great Neck Rd South parking lot, leaving to begin the cleanup no later than 9 a.m. Participants are free to help out as long as they can, until no later than 4 p.m. that day. Donations of food, drinks or cleanup supplies can be dropped off at the NRD Office at 213 Sampsons Mill Rd. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please call the NRD at (508) 477-5800. Volunteers with trucks are especially appreciated!!

Suffolk University Presents a Seminar on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The theme of the Eleventh Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), which is held in May in New York, is “The Doctrine of Discovery: its enduring impact on indigenous peoples and the right to redress for past conquests (article 28 and 37 of the United Nations Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples)”. Additionally, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples will make his first official country visit to the United States April 23 – May 4, 2012. Special Rapporteur is a title given to individuals working on behalf of various regional and international organizations who bear specific mandates to investigate, monitor and recommend solutions to specific human rights problems.

In recognition of these two events and their relevance to the impact that international human rights law can have for Native American tribes and communities in their advocacy efforts, Suffolk University Law School Indian Law and Indigenous Peoples Clinic has developed and will present a Travelling Seminar on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

The goals of the seminar include providing an overview of the rights contained in UNDRIP and an explanation of its legal status, increasing awareness of UNDRIP and human rights bodies addressing indigenous peoples rights, specifically UNPFII and the Special Rapporteur, providing an opportunity for tribes to discuss individual or collectively

how to incorporate UNDRIP into their advocacy with neighboring communities, as well as, state and federal governments, and fostering a discussion around how the UN Declaration and regional international human rights advocacy could benefit them.

The seminar will be held Friday, April 20, 2012 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The Mashpee Wampanoag ICWA department has graciously offered the use of their training room at Madaket Place, 766 Falmouth Road, Unit A7, 3rd Floor, Mashpee for the seminar. If you have any questions regarding the seminar or need directions to Madaket Place, contact Tribal Court Clerk, Marita Scott at (508) 477-0208, ext. 239.

Zoning Board Approves Community Center *(continued)*

of Record Wayne Benson & Rich Desmeule, Civil Engineer Mark Dibb, Owners Project Manager John Racine, Development Officer Wanda Lord, Program Manager Louis Catarina Jr., and Mark Forest from the Delahunt Group. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe was well represented. It was a team effort!

And last but certainly not least, I would like to thank the ZBA for their unanimous vote of support for the height variance approval.

Our MWT Community Government Center will be the HUB for our Tribal Nation in providing Tribal services, best in class programs & service delivery from departments, Tribal Governance, Tribal Court, Health Facility, gymnasium for youth athletics, elders lounge, fitness facility, meeting

space, tribal archives, youth & community gatherings and convening together as a Nation. We are victorious!

Thank You for your continued support and involvement in progressing the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Nation!

Regards,

Cedric Cromwell
Chairman & President
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Youth Sobriety Powwow

Calling all craft vendors, Masters of Ceremonies (adult/youth), guest speakers, drum groups, and donors for the 2012 Youth Sobriety Powwow.

For more information call the Tribal Headquarters at (508) 477-0208, and ask for JoAnne Frye or leave a message for the Youth Council. Date and location of the Powwow to be announced.





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Record Attendance at Wampanoag Ball

The 15th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball was held on Saturday March 31, 2012 at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in North Falmouth. This year's event was well attended

The theme of this year's ball was "Celebrating the Women of the Wampanoag Nation". Additional photo's and award recipients will be featured in the May edition of The Mittark.

