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Chairman's Column



Dear Tribal Community,

We have had another busy and exciting month! The Grand Opening of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Government/Community Center was a success with hundreds of Tribal members and dignitaries who attended. Our celebration was broadcast on both a local and national level with Tribal leadership, local elected officials as well as key representatives from the USDA who were instrumental in providing the funding source for our new building. We had a wonderful feast for lunch, enjoyed ceremony, showed off our new building and ended the day with a social. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning of the Government/Community Center and the planning of the Grand Opening. The hard work and dedication to this project resulted in an epic and historic day.

Also in April we celebrated the removal of the Town Brook dam and the return of thousands of alewives and river herring to traditional spawning and nursery areas. The removal of the dam is part of a comprehensive approach to restoring the historic sea-run fish run at Town Brook in Plymouth.

I want to also applaud and thank the many Tribal members who have made it a priority to perform Mashpee River clean up. With the number of storms that have occurred over recent years, the rivers have become laden with debris from fallen trees. It is remarkable that the herring have been able to swim given the amount of natural obstruction throughout the river. The passion our community exhibits is unparalleled and that's what makes Mashpee

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Community & Government Center Grand Opening Celebration

On March 29th, Tribal community gathered to celebrate the historic opening of our new 46,000-square-foot, three-level, \$15 million government and community center. More than 1,500 guests celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and traditional ceremony, cuisine, and entertainment.

Construction of the building began in October 2012 and was funded by a \$12.7 million loan from a US Department of Agriculture rural development program.

Several tribal departments started occupying the building in late February.

Tours of the new building began in its two-story, sun-filled, dome shaped lobby, which was designed to incorporate cultural elements. The custom-made terrazzo floor contains over 700 pounds of Mashpee wampum that were hand crushed by tribal members. In the middle of the floor is the Tribe's logo. The lobby is surrounded with water features that are intended to honor the Mashpee River herring run, Mill Pond, and Mashpee-Wakeby Pond.



The lobby will soon include mural panels donated by Plimoth Plantation, as well as cedar poles that will be placed in the lobby to give it more of a "lodge" feel. The roof of the lobby resembles a turtle shell, an important component in the Wampanoag creation story. "We want people to feel a bit of Mashpee history and our land when they walk in," Councilwoman Trish Keliinui said.

The second floor of the building is devoted to office workspace including: conference rooms with teleconferencing capabilities and online scheduling systems, state-of-the-art executive offices, and

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2014 Annual Budget Vote

The Tribal Community affirmatively passed the 2014 Annual Budget by a vote of 81 yes and 41 no.

On Sunday, March 30th 122 Enrolled-Registered Tribal Citizens casted their ballot.

The growth of our Tribal Operations and Nation as a whole is remarkable and the services provided are extraordinarily unparalleled!

Special thanks to the Tribal Finance Team led by Treasurer Robert Hendricks, Sr., Department Director Marjorie Seagraves and her staff for their tireless and unwavering effort to work with all departments and Tribal Council in presenting the 2014 Annual Budget.

We look forward to continue the positive momentum and build Our Nation. With this positive passage of the annual budget by Tribal citizens, it also reinforces the confidence our community has in the progress and growth of our Tribe



Events Calendar

New Events

May 18 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting,

Tribal Community and Government Center

June 8 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting,

Tribal Community and Government Center



Weekly Events

Mondays - 5:30 p.m.

Recovery Group,

Old Indian Burial Grounds

Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m.

Enrollment Committee,

Tribal Community and Government Center

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.

Housing Commission,

Tribal Community and Government Center,

It is held the first Thursday and

third Monday of each month.

Monthly - 7:00 p.m.

Chiefs Circle, Old Indian Meeting House

It is held the first Tuesday of the month.

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Commission,

Tribal Community and Government Center,

It is held the third Tuesday of the month.

Language Classes

Visit WLRP.org or call

(508) 477-0208 for event details,

registration and upcoming language

classes.

Tribal members who would like to be receive Tribal "eBlast" messaging system, please forward your contact information to Councilwoman Trish Keliinui at

tkeliinui@mwtribe.com or call her at

(508) 477-0208 ext. 153.

Tribal Operations is Growing

The Tribe currently employs 62 permanent staff members, 94% of which are Native American, with 89% being Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Members!

For more information about a job opportunity within the Tribe and to view a full listing, please visit the Tribal website www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com, or contact Office of the Executive Administrative Assistant, Marita Scott at (508) 477-0208, ext. 133.

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Operations includes the following departments:

- ✓ Education
- ✓ Elders
- ✓ Elder's Judiciary
- ✓ Enrollment
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- ✓ Language
- ✓ Natural Resource
- ✓ Public Works
- ✓ Tribal Administration
- ✓ Tribal Council
- ✓ Tribal Court
- ✓ Tribal Health
- ✓ Tribal Historic Preservation Office
- ✓ Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

Mwalim is Nominee in the NEUMA

The 8th Annual New England Urban Music Awards (NEUMA) is upon us, releasing the list of official nominees.

Mwalim DaPhunkee Professor is a nominee for the "Best Male Jazz Artist" category, for his latest album "Awakened By A Noon Day Sun" (LMMGM/ Spirit Wind Records). Cast your vote for Mwalim and other nominees by visiting www.mwalim.com and clicking the link "Vote for Mwalim in the 2014 NEUMA"

The New England Urban Music Awards was created in 2006 to acknowledge and promote the achievements of local and regional urban artists, producers, Disc Jockeys, and promoters who have contributed to the R&B, Hip Hop, Jazz, Caribbean, Spoken Word and Gospel music scene in New England. Members of the general make preliminary nominations public and a pool of music industry professionals select qualifying nominees. The winners are selected by a vote of the general public. For more info, visit ne.urbanmusicawards.org.

Not a stranger to the NEUMA, Mwalim swept the 2010 Jazz category with his album "The Liberation Sessions" winning the "Best Jazz Male" as well as "Best Jazz Female" for Amaris Moss vocal work on the same album. He won the category again in



2012 for his House Music influenced "DEEP Soul Chants & Hollers" album.

"Awakened By A Noon Day Sun" also called the 'NDN Jazz' album for it's use of eastern Native American influenced melodies blended with a healthy dose of jazz-funk (or funk-jazz). The premiere single from the album, "The Trading Post" is finding it's way into rotation on jazz, community, and Native American radio stations throughout the USA and Canada as well as internet based stations. The album can be purchased as a download on iTunes, eMusic, Amazon and Spotify.



Summer Internship Opportunity Offered by Genting/Resorts World

We are pleased to announce an unprecedented opportunity for five (5) Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal members currently studying in the areas of Hotel Restaurant Management, Gaming Management, Resort Marketing and "Back Of House" Operations.

The unique internship opportunity will allow students to develop a well-rounded and practical understanding of the business.

Our partners from Genting will be responsible for accepting the applications, performing the interviews and managing the intern selection process. The Tribal students selected for the internship will stay at the Miami Hilton Hotel, for the duration of the internship program.



Important guidelines of this opportunity are:

- ✓ Internship will start on July 7th and end on August 17th
- ✓ Minimum GPA requirement of 3.00
- ✓ Transcripts and 3 letters of recommendation from non-related individual
- ✓ Deadline to apply is May 31, 2014

For more information, contact Councilwoman Trish Keliinui at tkeliinui@mwtribe.com or (508) 477-0208 ext. 153.

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all the more special!

We have also begun planning for the 93rd annual Powwow, to be held on July 4th, 5th and 6th at the Cape Cod Fairgrounds, formally the Barnstable County Fairgrounds, in East Falmouth. The theme this year is "Honoring Our Waterways." I would like to congratulate our Head staff of Earl "Chiefy" Mills, Jr., as emcee. If you would like to be involved in the planning process please contact Powwow Committee Chairman Brian Weeden who can be reached here at the MWT Community/Government Center or Councilman Charles Foster who serves as liaison to the committee.

On June 14th our Tribal Education Department, led by Director Renee Pocknett, will host a celebration brunch for all class of 2014 graduates. This includes graduates from all levels and programs so please save the date.

Coinciding with the Graduate celebration on June 14th will be the annual Youth Sobriety Powwow scheduled to be held at the powwow grounds.

Lastly, I would like to send a special prayer and message to our Narragansett family who are mourning the passing of Dr. Ella Brown. Tribal leadership from all of our sister Tribes were present and took part in the moving ceremony for the matriarch of the Brown family. We continue to hold them in our prayers to the Creator.

I encourage you to read the many exciting articles and updates throughout this issue of Nashauonk Mittark Newsletter as well as to respond to Councilwoman Trish Keliinui with your email addresses in order to receive any immediate email updates and message from me. With all of the exciting and informative events that occur within our Tribe, we are continually striving to provide the best and most efficient communication flow to our Tribal members.

We are in for a very exciting year and I anticipate communication will be steady and positive, as we continue to move forward together!!

Kutâputunumuw;

Cedric Cromwell,
Qaqeemasq (Running Bear)

Welcome Our New Wraparound Specialist

My name is Cassie Jackson and I am greatly honored to say that I have been hired as Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Wraparound Specialist! I would like



to thank my family and tribe that have been supportive of my career goals as a social service provider in hopes that I would become successful in attaining this position. My educational background includes Criminal Justice and Bookkeeping; I have many years of experience in client relations,

along with impeccable training, and would like to assure all of my tribal family that I am very capable of fulfilling this position. I will go above and beyond to ensure that the services will be provided and your needs will be met. Whether I can assist our families through emergency funding, advocacy and/or referral, I am here for YOU. I encourage all tribal members to stop by and obtain an informational packet to better understand the Wraparound process. The overall goals of this program are to see that our tribal members set attainable short and long-term goals and are successful with all life endeavors.

Cameron Frye Comments on Team Names

In response to Matthew Gillen's February 25, 2014 opinion article entitled "Redskins may become red faced over controversy," I would like to take the opportunity to offer my opinion and sentiments. As the level of controversy regarding the name of the Washington Redskins continues to escalate, I think it is absolutely imperative to present both sides of the argument. With that being said, I will take a position that I hope will assist one to better understand the importance of changing the team name, and, more importantly, a position that will prompt one to look at this issue from a different perspective.

Clearly, the paramount issue remains the term "Redskin," a term coined

by Europeans that was used to identify Native Americans by their skin complexion. As mentioned in the article, it



is thought by some to be a racial slur that is derogatory and offensive toward Native Americans; however, others feel differently, resulting in a massive disparity as to the appropriateness of the term "Redskin." From a Native American standpoint, it is similar to other racial slurs like "nigger" "spick" or "chink" terms often referencing a member of the African-American, Hispanic-American, and Asian-

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VOTE Morgan James Peters for Mashpee School Committee

Morgan James Peters, tribal member, asks for your vote on Saturday, May 17th as he is running for one of the two open seats on the Mashpee School Committee. It is important for all tribal members who are registered voters in the town of Mashpee to show up to the polls and show your support for the future of our children.

Morgan is currently a Professor in the English department and Academic Program Director at UMass Dartmouth, Morgan has been an educator for over 25 years, including levels K-12, college and adult-learner students in Massachusetts and New York City. He also has over 17 years of experience as a language arts and social studies curriculum development consultant. He ran an after-school, educational theater program in Mashpee from 1994 to 2000 through Oversoul Theatre Collec-



tive and is a founding member of the tribe's education committee. He is also a former member of the Indian Education Parent Committee.

Morgan developed and initiated a civic engagement partnership between Mashpee Public Schools and UMass Dartmouth, where he presently works with students in the school's music and media production programs.

Morgan earned his Bachelor's of Arts and Masters of Science from Boston University, his Masters of Fine Arts from Goddard College and received Advanced Certification in Arts Education & Administration.

Tribe's Celebration on Mashpee TV

Coverage from the Grand Opening of our Tribal Government and Community Center can be seen on Mashpee TV. To view this coverage click on the link <http://vimeo.com/91556710>



Mashpee Wampanoag Opening Celebration
Mashpee TV
Viewing Contributions of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Community and Government Center - March 26, 2014

Grand Opening Celebration *(continued)*

classrooms with Smart Boards that accommodate its 73 working employees.

"This is the most high-tech building on the Cape, and perhaps in the state of Massachusetts," Chairman Cedric Cromwell said.

The building also includes a 400-seat gymnasium with an electronic scoreboard and can also be used to accommodate receptions, dances, and

other events. The gymnasium also features a large, ceiling-mounted retractable screen that can be used to show films.

The new building also includes a council chamber, climate controlled tribal archives, elders' lounge, commercial-sized kitchen, youth craft room, exercise room with men's and women's locker room, a tribal courtroom and peacemaker's room, and a food pantry for the tribal community.

While the new tribal and government center has only been opened for a month, there is already talk of expansion.

"We are already reaching capacity in the new building and have started to consider a possible 14,000-square-foot expansion," Vice-Chairwoman Jessie Baird said.





Tribal Archives Room

The Archives Room is now open. Please take time to think about what news articles, pictures, books, recordings, flyers, tribal event programs you would like to contribute. These items can be digitized and returned to you or become part of our permanent records. We would love to show you the Archival Room and its high security features climate control and archival protective containers and sleeves for our precious collection. Contact the Historic Preservation department to setup an appointment to see the Archives call (508) 477-0208 ext. 101.

We would like to provide tribal members with exciting and accurate information about our relatives who have past on, dating back as many generations as we can go. Our records will be organized so that you can find the names of your relatives and also learn about their past times, achievements, see photo's, maybe voice recordings, video, perhaps something they've written, as we seek to memorialize their personality.



Archivist

Historic Preservation will soon be seeking an Archivist as a contract position. The Archivist will be mainly responsible for cataloging our collections and preparing our policies and procedures.

Support OIMH

Memorial bricks may be purchased for \$150.00. Spacing can accommodate up to 3 lines of 17 characters per line. Contact Committee Chairwoman Carol Lopez or Council Liaison Trish Keliinui at (508) 477-0208 ext. 153 for further details.

ICWA Thanks Mr. Joseph Cozza

Dear Mr. Joseph Cozza,

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribes Indian Child Welfare Department would like thank you so much for your monthly donation that you have consistently sent to the "ICWA" department.

Please know that is greatly appreciated that you feel the need to help our tribal children that come through our ICWA office. Just think of how much better the world could be with individuals who think like you in this regard. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe wants to acknowledge your kind deed.

We give you a big sincere "thank you from all our hearts."

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Hendricks
ICWA Director



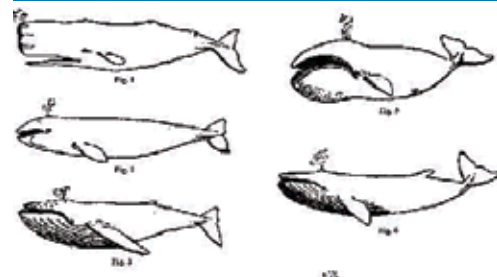
ICWA Provides Training to Courts

On March 27th the ICWA Department provided Indian Child Welfare Act training for Barnstable and Plymouth County Court systems. Present were in excess of 60 Judges and Attorneys, and the 3 Mashpee Tribal Council members. This exercise is a major step in familiarizing the Massachusetts Courts and other Human Service providers with their neighboring Indian Country.

Upcoming training sessions are scheduled for the Worcester County Court systems. Training will be held on May 7th for Juvenile Judges, Attorney's, Court and Department of Children & Families staff, and on May 15th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for Probate and Family Court Judges. The training is part of the Annual Spring Conference held at the Court Library beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Whaling Exhibit at Indian Museum



The Mashpee Indian Whaling exhibit will remain on display. There were approximately 430 Mashpee men who sailed on whaling ships all over the world for about 75 years. We have photographs of these men, dozens of short stories about their adventures, occupations, ports visited, ranks held, information about ships they sailed and the tools they used and invented. We have genealogy on two of these men, Matthias Amos and Solomon Attaquin. These prominent Mashpee men later became our first selectmen. Come and visit the Whaling Exhibit to learn how you are related to them!

Housing Assistance Corporation Workshop Offerings

Housing Assistance Corporation is one of nine regional Housing Consumer Education Centers in Massachusetts (HCEC). HCEC is designed to help people with housing problems find the appropriate assistance. Below is a list of upcoming workshops HAC is offering:

Homebuyer Education is a series of four classes for First Time Home Buyers. The course fee is \$75.00, for up to 2 people per household. Classes are held from 6:00 p.m. – 9 p.m.

April 28, May 5, 12, 19 (Mondays)
 July 15, 17, 22, 24 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
 September 8, 15, 22, 29 (Mondays)
 November 3, 10, 17, 24 (Mondays)

Home Forever is a “Homesafe” three night class specifically for homeowners. This class also qualifies some home owners for a discount on their homeowners insurance and is required for Soft Second Mortgage holders. The course fee is \$25.00, for up to 2 people per household. Classes held from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays
 June 3, 5, 10
 October 14, 16, 21



Rebuilding Your Credit will teach you ways to rebuild your credit score and about credit reports. The fee is \$17.00 per person for a Tri-merged credit report. Classes are held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

April 7 (Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon)
 June 2 (Monday)
 August 4 (Monday)
 October 6 (Monday)
 December 1 (Monday)

Creating a Budget is a free one evening class that will help participants to create a budget. Discussion of what makes up a budget, when to adjust your budget, how a budget can help your household and how a budget will help you meet your financial goals. Opportunity to evaluate a budget as well as learn what type of budget works best for the participant. Classes are held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. except where noted

April 14 (Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
 June 24 (Tuesday)
 October 20 (Monday)

Community Resources is a free one evening class discussing the resources within our community to help participants live more economically on Cape Cod. Speakers from local resources. Classes are held from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. except where noted

April 28 (Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
 June 30 (Monday)
 October 27 (Monday)

Be a SMART Tenant Workshop is a free one-evening class discussing quality tenancy. We will discuss the Fair Housing Law, Tenant Responsibilities, Landlord Responsibilities, importance of a healthy budget and a favorable credit report, completing applications and building a tenancy resume along with helpful resources available to tenants. Classes are held from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. except where noted

May 5 (Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
 July 7 (Monday)
 October 28 (Tuesday)

Registration forms may be obtained at Housing Assistance Corporation at 460 West Main Street, Hyannis, MA, on our website at www.haconcapecod.org or by calling Cheryl at (508) 771-5400 ext. 287.

Prescribed Burning



Prescribed burning will take place this spring, as weather conditions permit, during April, May and June. These burnings are in conjunction with the Town of Mashpee and proceed the cutting that has been done along Great Hay Road, located behind the Tribal Community Center, and out to Abigail's Brooke; approximately 500 contiguous acres that has been designated rabbits' turf.

Mommy/Daddy & Me Language Class

Registration is still open for the Wôpanâak Language Program Mommy/Daddy & Me class. This is an interactive language Class designed for toddlers, ages 18 months to 3 years old, and their parents. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must accompany their child(ren). Classes are held in the Tribal Community and Government Center, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Schedule and details for the month of May are as follows:

May 10th, 2014: Family Terms

May 24th, 2014: Family Terms

For More Information, please contact instructor at tiapocknett@gmail.com.

All language programs are available to Mashpee, Aquinnah, Assonet and

Herring Pond Enrolled Tribal and household members only (children must be accompanied by an adult). You may register at your first class. Wôpanâak Language classes are free of charge however, donations of any amount are gratefully accepted.



A Moment to Reminisce with Granny Squannit

A letter written to Councilwoman Trish Keliinui from Joan Tavares-Avant

Can You remember what was mentioned in Indian Education Class a few years ago? (Student comments or written statements are in original form. Spelling, wording or sentence structure has not been changed)

Sharon Hendricks Grade 12, Cheerleading, loves learning about her tribe.

Wendy Pocknett Grade 12, Likes criminology and interior design. Wants to know more about Mashpee.

Vanessa Peters Grade 10, Likes basketball and enjoyed traveling to New York.

Missy Bingham Grade 12, Works at Cataumet Fish. Likes accounting, would like to visit res-

ervations and learn more about hers and other tribes.

Regina Lopes Grade 9 Loves traveling to Florida.

David Weedon Grade 10, Wants to learn more about bead work, regalia making and drumming.

Kevin Frye Grade 12, Likes math and sports, interested in Wampanoag Language.

Annawan Weedon Grade 10, Likes bike and trail riding-interested in Native language.

Lorraine Foster Grade 8, I would like to work at the flume. I like swimming and I like the Pow Wows, especially in Mashpee and New York. I was a pitcher this year for our school softball team. In my English class I did a speech on Wampanoag Indian heritage. I re-

ceived second place of \$10.00.

In Indian Education I learned how to make quahog chowder with Joan. Please keep Indian Education going.

Bette Tiexeira, "Peggy, I can't stay for tutoring today I am going to my grans mom's today." "Come check me out"

Remember the Beautiful the Heart Breakers?
Susan Hendricks, Michelle Mills, Tanya Rezendes and Heidi Debarrows

Remember the Handsome Renegade Rockers?
Domingo Tiexeira, Daniel Tavares, Philip Hicks, Dwayne Pocknett, Jason Lopes and Darryn Frye. They performed at Wareham High School and came in first place. Fal-mouth High School, Cape Skate, Cape Cod Mall & Mashpee Middle School.

Cameron Frye Comments on Team Names *(continued)*

American community, respectively. The above slurs, among others, are considered demeaning, insulting, inappropriate, and disrespectful. To help put this into context, would the NFL ever allow a team to attach or associate "nigger" "spick" or "chink" with their organization? No. So, in the spirit of fairness, why should the NFL continue to allow Washington to use the term Redskin, as it is demeaning, insulting, inappropriate and disrespectful toward Native Americans.

Roger Goodell, the commissioner of the NFL, recently declared in a public statement that the Redskins, "have presented the name in a way that has honored Native Americans." As one reflects on that assertion, one may find him or her questioning its validity given that the term "Redskin" was coined and used primarily by the victor to describe Native Americans; in other words, it was a racial term used by the dominant culture. So, what part of that is honorable? Additionally, the logo of the Redskin does a poor job of providing an accurate depiction of all Native Americans. Not all Native Americans look like that and share the same skin complexion or even have long hair with feathers hanging down. That is simply how the dominant culture depicted all Native Americans, which of course is not an accurate portrayal, but as we know the victor writes history. So, again, I ask what part of that is honorable?

The use of the term Redskin is not only dishonorable, but it is also disrespectful. In the article, the author mentions, "the team has never showed any disrespect to the people it represents and

everyone associated with it are proud to be called Redskins." Well, if that were the case, there would be little dispute and more importantly there would be no controversy surrounding the name and logo; however, that is not the case. The simple fact that the logo inaccurately depicts Native American culture, and that the term Redskin has a negative connotation attached is in itself disrespectful. It is easy for non-Native Americans to say it is not disrespectful or dishonorable, but if I put it into a different context that directly relates to him or her personally, I am sure it would not be so easy to make that same assertion. It is all about perspective, and unfortunately many who are in support of keeping the name Redskins have neglected to look at this from a different perspective, mainly that of a Native American. So, in an effort to urge one to look at this issue from a different perspective, I will put this into context. Instead of being called the Washington Redskins imagine if they were called the Washington Whiteskins and their symbol depicted a white Irish man who appeared to be drunk. Is that respectful or honorable? No. And although some may argue it is while others may argue it is not, one thing we can all agree upon is that it is not an accurate depiction of the Caucasian community. Obviously not all Caucasian people are Irish, and not all Irish people drink heavily; however, the commonality is that they are common misconceptions and stereotypes. Unfortunately, people do not understand the true impact or implications of such things until it applies directly to them. If Native Americans were

the dominant culture, as they were prior to the arrival of the Europeans, and a NFL team was named the Whiteskins, I suspect there would be just as much controversy surrounding the name. Wouldn't you? So, I suggest before one goes ahead and claims it is not a big deal or declares that it is an invalid argument supported by no evidence that one take a moment and truthfully consider how one would feel if put into the same position.

All things considered, it is time. It is time for the Washington Redskins franchise to seriously consider changing their name. Washington ought to act swiftly though, as the opposition is garnering increasingly more support from not just the Native American community, but the non-Native American community as well. Opponents like Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Tom Cole are not willing to compromise with anything less than a name change. And as the controversy continues to heighten, it would probably be a good idea for Washington to carefully consider the impact their name has on the Native American culture. In order to do so, however, that may require decision makers to look at this from a different perspective. No matter what perspective you look at it though the term "Redskin" is no way, shape or form respectful or even honorable. In the spirit of fairness, it is only right that Washington reevaluates their decision on this controversial matter and takes into account the level of impact the term "Redskin" has on many Native Americans.



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COMMUNITY



Pellet Stoves Available

Tribal members who own their own homes may qualify to receive a free wood pellet stove.

To be eligible, you must:

- ✓ Own your own home;
- ✓ Be a LIHEAP (fuel assistance) recipient for the 2013-2014 winter months;
- ✓ Use oil as your primary heating source;
- ✓ Do not have gas lines running to your home;
- ✓ Be able to lift a 40 pound bag of wood pellets;
- ✓ Have a clean, cool, dry place to store pellets;
- ✓ Have a suitable location for a pellet stove, such as the living room;
- ✓ Be interested in and able to perform weekly/monthly/annual pellet stove maintenance;
- ✓ Do not currently have a wood stove.

If you meet these criteria and are interested in receiving a free pellet stove, please contact Latoya Green, LIHEAP Coordinator at (508) 477-0208 ext. 159, or Joanne Frye, Elders Service Director at (508) 477-0208 ext. 140/182.

Program completion date is May 14th, 2014 and there are a limited supply of pellet stove project slots available. Project slots are available on a first come, first serve basis until all of the slots are filled or until 7 days before the program completion date, whichever comes first.



OIMH Events



**Old Indian Meeting House Events
Schedule:**

- Saturday, May 3rd - Native American New Year
- Sunday, July 20th - Blind Joe Amos Day
- Sunday, August 17th - Richard Bourne Day
- Saturday, September 20th - Ancestor's Day
- Saturday, November 22nd - Native American Thanksgiving