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## Chairman's Column



Greetings Tribal Family,

We are a strong, united nation that's achieved so much over the past few years and we have amazing opportunities on the horizon. I can see it...Mashpee is shining bright. We have a great team of dedicated staff in our Community and Government Center working hard to provide services to our nation and they're doing a wonderful job. We also have a Tribal Council that's energized and committed to tackling some of our most pressing needs and achieving real success. This is where we draw our strength - our unity - and it's why Mashpee is respected at home and across this great country.

I can say this because I've spent a good amount of time on the road over the past few weeks and listened to how politicians, business leaders and tribal heads respond when our Tribe enters the room. Just recently I was able to spend some time in Washington D.C. making sure our voice is heard, in Las Vegas at RES 2017 Economic Business and Development Summit gauging the current economic climate in Indian Country and right here at home working with Council and our amazing team on issues, like substance abuse, that need immediate attention. It's been a busy month, but progress doesn't sleep.

Let's talk for a minute about economic development in Indian Country, because we have real opportunities in both the short and long-term that we need to explore. I'm so glad that I took the time to attend the RES 2017 Economic Business and Development Summit last month. It proved to be a resourceful and competent conference.

Tribes like the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota are developing tribally char-

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## Tribe Stands Against Opioid Addiction

**W**ith a goal of putting an end to the opioids and drugs that have devastated far too many families over the past few years, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe held a "Opioid Crisis Forum" on February 28 at the Tribe's Community and Government Center. At the forum tribal leaders and community members were joined by officials from federal health agencies, local treatment facilities, law enforcement groups and people in recovery. Over 100 people participated in what Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Cedric Cromwell said is the key marker for dealing with the crisis: education.

Chairman Cromwell added that he and the rest of the Tribal Council are committed to defeating the addiction that has impacted to many families. "This crisis has gone on far too long," said Chairman Cromwell. "We talked a lot about the need to address this issue during our council elections and what

we would do if elected. Now we're following through on that promise and standing united in our commitment to win this battle. It's an issue we all agree is a priority."

The first panel at the forum included speakers from Indian Health Services (IHS), which directly provides health care to members of federally recognized tribes, including the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Directly behind the tribe's Community and Government Center IHS operates a primary care, mental health and dental clinic that serves almost 900 people.

Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, tribal council member and health and

human services liaison, has worked closely with IHS and the Tribal Action Plan Committee to bring the topic of addiction to the forefront and to acquire the funding and resources needed to provide treatment. "Having the first ever Opioid Crisis Forum has elevated the interest, energy and attention that is needed

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**"Mashpee wants to be a leader and successful partner toward a demonstration project on how we address the opioid crisis..." - Cheryl Frye-Cromwell**

## Open Seat on MWT Gaming Authority

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Council is seeking to appoint one tribal member to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Gaming Authority (MWTGA) Board of Directors. The MWTGA Board of Directors is responsible for the development and oversight of First Light Resort & Casino.

The successful candidate must be at least 25 years old and shall be a graduate from an accredited College or University with a minimum Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration or a closely related field. A minimum of 5 years of strong experience in executive management, financial management, public administration or a related field.

Years of strong managerial experience may be substituted for educational re-

quirements.

Candidate background in tribal sovereignty and Indian law highly desirable.

Candidates should be familiar with tribal ordinances and procedures.

To obtain the full position description, please visit the tribe online at [www.mashpeewampanoagtribe-NSN.gov](http://www.mashpeewampanoagtribe-NSN.gov). To apply for the MWTGA Board of Directors seat submit a letter of interest and resume/CV to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council c/o Francie Dottin, executive administrative assistant to the chairman, at [Francie.Dottin@mwttribe-nsn.gov](mailto:Francie.Dottin@mwttribe-nsn.gov) or mail it to 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649.

## Events Calendar

### New Events

**April 8 - 3:00 p.m.**  
Penny Sale, MWTCGC

**April 9 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
General Body Meeting, MWTCGC

**April 17 - Application open for Tribal Youth Summer Camp**

**April 17 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
CERT Training, MWTCGC

**April 19 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
Honoring Our Herring, Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum

**April 20 - 10:30 a.m. to Noon**  
Family Caregiver Info Support Session, MWTCGC

**April 22 and 23**  
Peacemaking Training, MWTCGC

**April 22 - Noon to 2:30 p.m.**  
Protecting Our 7 Generations, MWTCGC

**April 22 - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**  
Youth Ball, Falmouth Navigator

**May 6 - 11:00 a.m.**  
Wampanoag New Year Celebration, Old Indian Meeting House

### Weekly Events

**Tuesdays - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
Elders Lunch & Learn, MWTCGC

**Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Coed Volleyball, MWTCGC

**Wednesdays - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**  
Tribal Health Yoga with Virginia and Kimma, MWTCGC

**Thursdays - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
Elders Lunch & Learn, MWTCGC

**Thursdays - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Youth Dance & Drum Class, MWTCGC

**Fridays - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**  
Tribal Health Zumba with Shirley, MWTCGC

**Sundays - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**  
Tribal Health Zumba with Shirley, MWTCGC

### Food Pantry Hours

**Monday:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

## Groovalottos Hit the Road

**O**n April 28 and April 29 the Groovalottos, an award winning soul-funk-blues trio, will headline at the Gathering of the Nations Powwow in New Mexico. The Groovalottos are comprised of Eddie Ray Johnson, Mwalimi "Daphunkee Professor" Peters and Melvin Coombs. For more information about the band and their upcoming schedule, please visit [www.thegroovalottos.com](http://www.thegroovalottos.com). Gathering of the Nations is one of the world's most recognized annual powwows.



## Steven Peters Elected as a Delegate

On Saturday, March 18 the Mashpee Democratic Committee elected tribal citizen Steven Peters to serve as a delegate at the Massachusetts Democratic State Convention on Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the DCU Center in Worcester. Steven will be joined by seven other delegates - Wayne Lobo, David Bloomfield, Yvonne Courtney, Lisa Parenteau, Margaret Bent, Alexis Hanson and Paula Key - at the state convention.

## Open Seat on CDC Board of Directors

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community Development Corporation (CDC) is currently seeking a qualified tribal citizen to join the CDC Board of Directors. The CDC was organized earlier this year to engage in activities that will promote the social welfare, economic security and community development of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and its enrolled citizens that will

enable the Tribe to be self-sufficient and to provide economic support for its tribal citizens. If you are interested in serving as a CDC Board of Director, please send a letter of interest along with your resume/CV to Francie Dottin, executive administrative assistant to the chairman, [francie.dottin@mw-tribe-nsn.gov](mailto:francie.dottin@mw-tribe-nsn.gov) and carbon copy [carbon copy mwtcdc@mwtribe-nsn.gov](mailto:carbon copy mwtcdc@mwtribe-nsn.gov) by May 1, 2017.

## Cultural Resource Monitor Training

**T**he Tribal Historic Preservation Department needs Cultural Resource Monitors (CRMs). This work will be contractual, assignments are as needed and it is a great opportunity for a person that has an interest in tribal history and has experience with the outdoors through hunting and fishing, map reading and demonstrates cultural expertise. The department is transitioning over to paperless data communications and file sharing; successful candidates must be knowledgeable or willing to learn file sharing, computer processes and experienced with computerized devices.

**Position Summary:** Monitors are assigned on an as needed basis for the protection of Wampanoag cultural resources during ground disturbing activities within our aboriginal territory. These activities include observation over such things as State and Federal construction sites, archeological dig sites, cell tower, and dock construction. CRMs will be required to report on all activities and findings to appropriate supervisor. Independent work, judgment and cultural sensitivity must be professionally adhered to in order to carry out overall responsibilities. CRMs will report

to Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). Trainings and occasional site supervision will be provided where necessary.

Interested applicants should contact Love Williams at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649. You may also contact Love at (508) 477-0208 ext. 174 with questions.

**Pre-Registration For CRM Training  
Deadline April 21, 2017**

**Initial CRM Training to start April 24, 2017**



## Chairman's Column *(continued)*

tered corporations that manage a diverse portfolio of tribally owned businesses – taking advantage of tax incentives, federal programs, grant opportunities and reservation lands. These corporations are getting into everything from agriculture and financing to government services and information technology. They're also enjoying an immense amount of success in the federal governments 8A program.

As your Tribal Chairman, I have a goal of inspiring, researching and bringing back economic development, jobs and forward advancement for a strong Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal economy. So how do we do this? It's a lot easier said than done, but we've already started down the road with the development of a strong foundation to guide this engine with our Planning and Development Department and the formation of our Community Development Corporation (CDC). With the foundation set, we can now look at identifying viable business opportunities that are right for our market and developing a strategic plan to manage our growth. Everything must be in-line with a forward thinking mind-set with a "can do" effortless approach.

I also spent a good amount of time in Washington D.C. a few weeks ago. It's important that we take the time to meet with the new administration and reconnect with elected officials to discuss the issues close to our heart. I also had the pleasure of meeting with the newly appointed U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. He has a strong record of being pro-sovereignty and someone who has made it a priority to protect the land. I'm certainly optimistic that Interior Secretary Zinke will do right by our tribe.

For me, it was important that this

administration heard right from me about the positive economic impact our projects, like First Light Resort and Casino, will have on the region. Tribes are pouring billions and billions of dollars into the U.S. All of these investments we're creating – from resort casinos to business enterprises – are feeding the larger economy with jobs and revenue. That's the story that needed to be told, and I'm glad to say this administration understood it and that it aligns nicely with their goals.

With everything going on at the federal and state level, we can't forget about our local elections. The town of Mashpee will be holding its annual election on May 16. I strongly encourage Mashpee residents to gather info on all the candidates running, from Selectman to School Committee. These local elections have a profound impact on our Tribe and I ask you to exercise your right to vote...our power is in our unity. I also want to thank Brian Weeden for stepping up to run for School Committee. Brian is dedicated to the education of our children and will make a great addition to the school committee, but he needs your support. Please make sure your voice is heard.

Like I said earlier, it's been a busy couple of weeks, but progress doesn't sleep. We've got a strong team and I promise to keep our nation moving forward today and tomorrow.

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Cedric Cromwell  
Qaqemasq  
(Running Bear)

## Site Maintenance Work Resumed



# FIRST LIGHT

RESORT & CASINO

Crews resumed site maintenance work for the First Light Resort & Casino in March months after a temporary halt to the project.

The work began on March 27 to protect the 170-acre parcel of tribal land in Taunton against storm water damage and erosion. The work will focus on dewatering and erosion control, which is vital to protect and secure the shovel-ready site. Due to recent storms, parts of the site have begun to pond in low-lying areas. Workers on site will be digging trenches, digging wells, shoring up fencing, and doing re-grading work, which is expected to last for about a month, depending on the weather. Crews will be working daily from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

"This work underscores our commitment to preserve and protect the value of our land and our investment in sustainable development," Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman Cedric Cromwell said. "It is in our cultural DNA to be environmental stewards of the land that has sustained our people for generations."

## Youth Ball to be Held on April 22

**T**he Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council is pleased to announce the 5th Annual Youth Ball will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Falmouth Navigator, 55 Ashumet Road, Hatchville. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Community and Government Center in advance or at the door.

The theme for this year's youth ball is "Night at the Oscars." Semi formal attire is required. If you are in need of a ride please contact Brian Weeden at (774) 413-0520 before April 15.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Youth Council

Chairwoman Victoria Fermينو at [vpfermino@gmail.com](mailto:vpfermino@gmail.com) or call Youth Council Secretary Abigail Peters at (508) 681-9886.



## TAP Coordinating Rides to Recovery Meetings

If you are a person in recovery and willing to provide a safe ride to the meeting you attend please contact Tracy Kelley at (508) 477-0208 ext. 150. Your phone number and the town where your meeting is located will be listed in the Mittark monthly, but not your name. Kutâputush!



## Opioid Addiction Forum *(continued)*

from all levels of government and communities,” said Cheryl. “As an immediate response and follow up to this crisis forum I have brought this event and efforts of Mashpee to the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price when I met with him in March at the Tribal Advisory Committee I serve on as a representative of 29 Tribes East of the Mississippi on all healthcare policies.”



Martha Ketcher, Nashville-area director of IHS, said she is committed to funding a case manager to help the Mashpee Wampanoag citizens with addiction coordinate patient care. It’s a four-year position that’s in addition to the \$170,000 IHS is already investing in additions to the clinic that include management and intervention services and salaries for two additional clinical workers.



Cheryl Frye-Cromwell really sees the work going on at the Tribe as a model for other communities to follow. “Mashpee wants to be a leader and successful partner toward a demonstration project on how we address the opioid crisis issue that we can share across the country,” said Cheryl. “We want to be the one that makes a difference in all communities and feel we are in full speed on doing just that in partnership with tribal community, federal, state, and local partners.”

Cheryl also noted that additional meetings and broader anti-opioid campaign to increase awareness and education on the issue are on the to do list, but getting more “boots” on the ground with the additional support from IHS is going to make a huge, positive impact on the community.

## RFP for Powwow Contracts

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Powwow Committee is now accepting bids for the following positions.

### Parking

Bid submittals not to exceed \$2500

### Trash

Bid submittals not to exceed \$2500

### Bathrooms

Bid submittals not to exceed \$2500

### 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

Bid submittals not to exceed \$2700

The 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow will be held Saturday July 1 to Monday, July 3 at the Cape Cod Fair Grounds.

Applications for the positions may be found on the tribe’s website [www.mashpeewampanoagtribe-NSN.gov/powwow](http://www.mashpeewampanoagtribe-NSN.gov/powwow). For more information, please call (774) 413-0520.

Please submit your bid to:  
**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**  
**483 Great Neck Road South**  
**Mashpee, MA 02649**  
**Fax: 508-477-1218**

## Town of Mashpee Election on May 16

The Annual Town of Mashpee Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at the Quashnet School. Town residents will be able to place a vote for the following positions:

### Housing Authority

Vote for One for a 5-Year Term

### Library Trustee

Vote for Three for a 3-Year Term

### Planning Board

Vote for One for a 3-Year Term

### School Committee

Vote for Two for a 3-Year Term

### Selectman

Vote for Two for a 3-Year Term

### Town Clerk

Vote for One for a 3-Year Term

### Water Commissioner

Vote for One for a 3-Year Term

## Brian Weeden Running for Mashpee School Committee

**B**rian Weeden has submitted papers to run for one of the two open seats on the Mashpee School Committee. While only 25, Brian has committed the better part of the past decade to the growth and development of youth in the community and hopes to bring a fresh perspective to the committee.

Brian is a 2011 graduate of Mashpee High School and has achieved an impressive list of accomplishments over the past decade.

Since childhood, Brian has been involved in tribal activities and programs. At age 15, he began volunteering for tribal elections and campaigning for candidates and continues to be involved in the process to this day.

In 2009, he founded the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Youth Council and served as its chairman until he “aged out” at 21.

Since 2010, Brian has been heavily in-



involved with the United Nations Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) organization, and has traveled throughout the country representing Mashpee at meetings and conferences. Brian also served as the UNITY male co-president.

## Celebrating at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Ball

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Wampanoag Ball was held on March 11 at the Resort and Conference Center of Hyannis. Thanks to the hard work of the Ball Committee, the event continues to be an occasion within our Tribe to come together with family and friends of the Tribe in the spirit of unity.

and dining, the ball also raises needed funds to a select program or service. Keeping with this year's them of Solidarity - All Nations Stand as One, the funds from the ball will be directed to the future construction of a playground at the Tribe's Community and Government.

If you would like to make a direct



As we've done each year, the ball also provided an opportunity to honor those who support the Tribe's goals to preserve our community and work towards unity. Too often overlooked, outside the tribal community, are the sensational people honored at the annual Ball. This year's award recipients included:

- **Dr. Warren Benjamin** - Lew Gurwitz Spirit Award - given to a non-tribal citizen for their unselfish devotion and friendship to the Mashpee Wampanoag.
- **Joanne Frye** - Mashpee Wampanoag Business and Professionalism Award.
- **Cassie Jackson** - Alice May Lopez Advocacy and Volunteerism Award.
- **Crystal Maddox** - 8sámeeqan Honor - given to a tribal citizen for their dedication to preserving the Tribe's culture and history.

Thank you to all of the award recipients for their service.

In addition to the awards, dancing,

donation towards the construction of the playground, please send a check to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe attention Ball Committee at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649.

Let's also thank the Mashpee Wampanoag Ball Committee for all of their hard work in organizing such a wonderful community celebration, as well as the Resort and Conference Center of Hyannis for hosting our annual gala.



## Jamaal to be Inducted into ECAC Hall of Fame



Former Patriot League star and citizen of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Jamaal Branch of Colgate has been selected for induction in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Hall of Fame Class of 2017. Official induction for the ECAC Class of 2017 will be on Friday, April 28, at the ECAC Hall of Fame Gala and Induction Ceremony, which will be held at the Matrix Conference & Banquet Center in Danbury, Conn. The class includes five student-athletes, four administrators / coaches and one team.

Jamaal, a 2005 Colgate graduate, won the 2003 Walter Payton Award as the nation's most outstanding player in the FCS division while leading the Raiders to a 15-1 season and berth in the national championship game. The consensus All-America selection was Player of the Year that season in both the Patriot League and ECAC after rushing for 2,326 yards.

Jamaal is the son of Sherry Pocknett and now lives in Orlando, Florida.

## Museum Opens for Season

The Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum is pleased to announce that it will reopen for the 2017 season on Monday, April 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. located on Main Street Mashpee next to the herring run.

The Museum season runs April 3 to December 1 and is open Monday through Fri-

day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information about the Museum, special events or scheduling a visit, please contact Carol Wynne at the museum at (508) 477-9339 or email her at carol.wynne@mwtribe-nsn.gov. You can also stay up to date by following the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum on facebook.

## Honoring Our Herring Event

On Wednesday, April 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Wópanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) and the Mashpee



Wampanoag Tribe Education Department will be co-hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Honoring Our Herring Event. The family oriented event will be held at the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum and will feature culturally connected events including singing, dancing, fishing, crafts and food. The event is free and open to all Wampanoag youth and families.

For more information, please contact Carol Wynne at the museum at (508) 477-9339 or email her at carol.wynne@mwtribe-nsn.gov. You can also stay up to date by following the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum on facebook.

## Baked Bean and Hand Drum Contest Results

The Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum hosted a fun, cultural event that brought together two wonderful things: music and food. The event, which was held on February 25, featured eight different bean dishes and over 10 hand drummers.

Prizes included a hand made clay pot by Ramona Peters, a wood stirring paddle, a painted deerskin seed bag and \$600 in prize money. Please join us in congratulating this winners from the 2017 Winter Hand Drum and Baked Bean Event:

### Hand Drum Winners

- 1st place-\$300.00 Mishetanshin Conley, Narragansett
- 2nd place-\$200.00 Steve Ferreira, Sault St. Marie, Ojibwe
- 3rd place-\$100.00 Cheenulka Pocknett, Mashpee Wampanoag



### Baked Bean Contest Winners

- 1st place-Handmade clay pot, David Weeden
- 2nd place-Handmade wood stirring paddle, Gordon Harris
- 3rd place-Painted deerskin bag, Sherry Pocknett



Please join us in thanking the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum for organizing such a wonderful event. For more information about the Museum and other upcoming events, please call the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum at (508) 477-9339.

## Wampanoag Indian Museum Calendar



**Museum Opening Day**  
April 3, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**After Hour Spring Pot Luck**  
April 7, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

**Earth Day: Council of All Beings Activity**  
April 22, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Honoring our Herring Festival**  
April 19, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Weekly Story Hour**  
May 4, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Springtime Herring Exploration at the Mashpee River**  
May 7, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Weekly Story Hour**  
May 11, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Weekly Story Hour**  
May 18, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Weekly Story Hour**  
May 25, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Native Overnight Venture in the Wety8**  
May 26, 4:00 p.m. check in  
May 27, Noon check out  
\*You must RSVP for this event

**Strawberry Thanksgiving**  
June 17, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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## Transcending Historical Trauma

**W**e will now continue with our series on *Historical Trauma* which impacts Indian people today across this vast land. Judy Bluehorse Skelton, Adjunct Professor at Portland State University's Graduate School of Education is one of the many who are helping to heal historical trauma by educating her community, Native and non-native. *Wisdom of the Elders, Inc. (WISDOM)* recently recorded her for the *Discovering Our Story Project: Thanks to the Wisdom of the Elders, we are able to present what was stated in the recording.*

### Transcending Historical Trauma

"Historical trauma is something that goes from generation to generation as opposed to a personal trauma of a shock, or a breakup, or physical illness, or something else that happens in our lives. This historical trauma is very much steeped in a history of people, and a pattern of demoralization, a pattern of disempowerment that is carried out against a people or one group by another."

"...the history of the people or our people, whether it's the Cherokee Trail of Tears (all the tribes have their Trail of Tears, as we know). Boarding school experience, or being taken away from parents, or being beaten regularly because that's what the school or the religious experience for some might have entailed... we look back to a loss of a relation-

ship with the natural world, a loss of a sense of place, or where we belong and we realize that's connected again to our history as a people, being moved around or being taken from our culture, not doing the songs anymore, not having the traditional foods anymore."

"But also the genocide, the violence committed against men and women and children. This history lives on in us. There's that memory, that physical memory that some have talked about. It lives on at a cellular level – a cellular memory."

Native people manifest stories of internalized ancestral trauma in the personal stories of their life. They demonstrate how trauma continues today to be unintentionally passed down to generations of native American elders, adults, and children who continue to suffer from multiple issues. Although this will continue to be felt for years to come, many Native leaders serve as role models to our people who are beginning to overcome the high rates of addictions, domestic violence, sexual abuse, Type 2 Diabetes, and educational failure within their families.

*(The Historical Trauma Response Among Natives and Its Relationship with Substance Abuse: A Lakota Illustration, Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart, PhD, Journal of Psychoactive Drugs, 35 (1), 7-13, 2003)*

## Needing a Probation Department

*Tribal Court is in the process of submitting a grant to develop a probation department. Since we now have criminal jurisdiction, it is important that tribal court has a way of implementing some sort of correction or monitoring. The following is a piece out of Tribal Probation: An overview for Tribal Court Judges that explains the importance of tribal courts having a probation department.*

Research suggest that crime and victimization rates involving Native Americans exceed those of other minority groups across the United States. A troubling realization, however, is that many tribes lack adequate resources and funding to properly enforce laws and incarcerate offending criminals (Wilkins, Hammond, Teigen, & Luna-Firebaugh, 2008). Tribal jails and detention facilities are crowded and budgets are stretched thin. As a result, there is a growing appreciation for developing "cost-effective sentencing strategies that take into account not just the short-term goal of protecting the public by incarcerating people who break the law and threaten the safety of the community, but also the long-term goal of helping offenders avoid future criminal behavior, thereby reducing the number of future victims of crime" (American Bar Association, 2007, p. 4). As such, community supervision of offenders has become a desirable alternative to address the problems of jail overcrowding, monitor conditions of supervision, enforce interventions to hold offenders accountable, address offenders' substance abuse issues, help change offenders' behavior, and protect the public.

## A Comparison Between Courts, Mediation, and Peacemaking

*Below is a summary of Peacemaking Circles: From Crime to Community by Kay Pranis, Barry Stuart, and Mark Wedge (2003). We will now explore the Benefits of using a Talking Stick and the power it brings to the Circle.*

A talking stick promotes dialogue. Because of the movement of talking stick it balances dialogue so that the conversation isn't dominated by only a few people. It affirms equality. The very nature of the talking stick explicitly reserves space in the conversation for each participant so that everyone has an equal opportunity to listen and to be heard. In this way, each person has a chance to help the Circle. It slows the pace. No one is forced to shorten their story or speak any faster than is necessary since the piece reserves space for them to speak. This allows people to relax and slow down to let the conversation evolve naturally. Develops listening skills. Most of the time in Circle is spent listening. The talking stick encourages plenty of listening practice. Cultivates peacemaking abilities. The talk-



ing stick allows us time and space to reflect on our values and principles. It also helps us practice listening to and accepting others by letting us approach the process holistically. Fosters honesty. The talking stick as a symbol of respect within the community, chosen by the community, encourages participants to speak honestly and openly in honor of the stick and the process. Supports conditions for consensus. The multiple rounds that the talking stick takes in a Circle helps bring the group to a consensus by forging through difficulty and building commonality and understanding.

## Youth Sobriety Powwow on May 21

**T**his year's Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Youth Sobriety Powwow will be held on Sunday, May 21 at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Powwow Grounds located next to the Community and Government Center on Great Neck Road, South in Mashpee.



## Emergency Management Department Attends Tribal Nations Training Week

**N**elson Andrews Jr., MWT Emergency Management Director and Allyssa Hathaway MWT Emergency Preparedness Specialist attended the 2nd annual Tribal Nations training week held at the Department of Homeland Security, (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP). The one-week training took place in March at the country's premiere emergency responder training facility located in Anniston, AL. While at the training Nelson and Allyssa represented the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe along with 150 other tribal members from 41 different tribal nations.

The two Mashpee natives participated in exercise scenarios based on hazardous material terrorist attack themed incidents and had to formulate response strategies, classroom training with passing exams and certificates were also part of the week-long event. Nelson Andrews Jr was part of a 2016 focus

group that helped to re-write the training for the 2017 training week. The CDP Tribal training week is currently the largest gathering of Tribal responders in history and will continue next year as well. The training is free of charge and highly recommended for any tribal employee who may have an interest in learning how to better prepare the Tribal community.



*Emergency Management Director Nelson Andrews Jr. and Emergency Preparedness Specialist Allyssa Hathaway at the DHS-FEMA Tribal training week.*

## Emergency Prep. Specialist Hired



Allyssa Hathaway was recently hired by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Emergency Management Department as the Emergency Preparedness Specialist. In her new position, Allyssa is responsible for assisting the department with the coordination of disaster response and crisis management activities. She will also provide community outreach and will work closely with Tribal Elders.

Prior to joining the Emergency Management Department, Allyssa served the Tribe as the floating clerk in the Community and Government Center. She also held positions in shipping and receiving, customer service and as a museum attendant at the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum. Allyssa was selected in 2008 as an AmeriCorps volunteer and provided over 1,700 hours of service and support to FEMA with the repair of communities in need. Her service with AmeriCorps included Little Rock, AK, after a tornado and Lafayette, LA, after a hurricane hit the area.

Under guidance from the Emergency Management Director Nelson Andrews Jr., Allyssa has already taken many great strides in the direction of progress, including trainings and exercises and she has proven herself as an asset to the tribal community with a bright future ahead.

## Tribal CERT Training Scheduled

The Emergency Management Department will begin the next round of the Tribal CERT training. There are 20 required classroom training hours to receive and official CERT certification. The first training session will be on Monday, April 17, 2017 from 6-9PM at the Community and Government Center Tribal Council Room. Food and refreshments will be provided.

CERT educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using training learned in the classroom and dur-

ing exercises, CERT volunteers can assist others in their community following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

This is a great opportunity for tribal adults and youth to take part in helping to ensure better preparedness within our tribal community.

We would like to offer this training to New Bedford tribal members as well, if there are enough Tribal members interested. If you are interested in signing up for the CERT training please contact Emergency Management Director Nelson Andrews Jr. at [nelson.andrewsjr@mwtribe-nsn.gov](mailto:nelson.andrewsjr@mwtribe-nsn.gov) or at (508) 477-5800 Ext 15.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Brunch: RSVP by May 5

**T**he Education Department will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Brunch on Sunday, June 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center. The annual brunch is a celebration of the academic achievements of our high school and college graduates from the past year. The brunch is open to all graduates and their immediate family members.

If you are a graduate and are planning to attend, you must RSVP with the num-

ber of family members that will be attending by Friday, May 5. To RSVP, contact Education Assistant Director Scott Shepherd at (508) 477-0208 x178 or send him an email at [scott.shepherd@mwtribe-nsn.gov](mailto:scott.shepherd@mwtribe-nsn.gov).

The Education Department is committed to providing the support programs that nurture the positive social and academic development of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe members. For the sustainability of our community we seek to promote and cultivate leadership skills in our youth while, deepening

their understanding of tribal history, culture, and the natural environment we are entrusted to. We strive to increase the number of Mashpee Wampanoag's who enroll, matriculate in, and successfully complete college and graduate school programs.



## Apply for Tribal Youth Summer Camp Beginning April 17<sup>th</sup>

The popular Neekun (Our House) and Summer Turtle Programs are merging this summer and will hold a six-week camp (July 10 - August 18) for tribal youth between the ages of 5 and 13. Applications will be available for download at [www.wlrp.org](http://www.wlrp.org) and [www.mashpeewampanoagtribe-NSN.gov](http://www.mashpeewampanoagtribe-NSN.gov) or in person at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department located in the tribe's Community and Government Center beginning April 17. The program is limited to 40 slots and parents are encouraged to apply as soon as the application period opens on April 17.

This year's summer program for youth is being organized as a collaboration among the Education Department, the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP)/Language Department, Natural Resources Department, and Youth Department.

The six-week long summer camp will also include a Native Youth in Science - Preserving Our Homeland (POH) track for older students (5th-7th grade or ages 10-13) that will run three days per week for four weeks. In addition to POH, all students will be immersed in a range of cultural, athletic and language activities that will promote positive youth development.



## Family Caregiver Info Support Session

To help guide the many tribal citizens that serve as a caregiver for an elder or family member, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health Title VI Caregivers program with support from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America and Hope Health is hosting a caregiver information session on Thursday, April 20 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center.

The Family Caregivers Information Support Session will provide family and friends that are taking care of a family member on how support groups can help

with coping strategies, empowering techniques and help to establish social networks with other caregivers. The session will also help you understand role changes and provide an opportunity for listen and learn from the experience of others in the community.

There is no charge to attend the Family Caregiver Information Support Session, but space is limited. To register, please contact Tribal Health Manager Kim Frye at (508) 477-0208 x103 or contact Hope Health at (508) 775-5656 or email [info@hopedementia.org](mailto:info@hopedementia.org).

## Apply for the 2017 Native Youth in Food and Agriculture Leadership Summit

The Native Youth in Food and Agriculture Leadership Summit brings Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian youth to the University of Arkansas Fayetteville campus for a ten-day educational experience. The application deadline for this experience is Tuesday, April 11. Visit <http://law.uark.edu/ifai> to download the application.

Students that enter the program will engage in classroom learning and field trips, and receive specialized legal and land use training geared toward Native farmers and ranchers.

The leadership-building curriculum allows students an opportunity to develop their leadership skills, to enable them to continue their journey to becoming an advocate and leader for a resilient, robust and interconnected future in Indian Country food systems.

All food, lodging, instructional materials and field trip costs are provided. Depending on the number of students, travel scholarships will also be provided.

If you have questions, contact IFAI staff member Emerald Hames at [ehames@uark.edu](mailto:ehames@uark.edu) or call her at (479) 575-5128.

## Job Opportunities at the Tribe

Opportunities can open and be filled in a relatively quick and efficient manner. If you would like to see the most current list of job opportunities at the Tribe and the full position description, please visit [www.mashpeewampanoagtribe-NSN.gov](http://www.mashpeewampanoagtribe-NSN.gov) and click on the "Jobs" tab on the right column of the home page.

**Powwow Director 2017** - This is contracted position. The Powwow Director plans and manages the Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow in collaboration with the Powwow Committee, vendor relationships, and special events. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 14.

**Health and Human Services Manager** - This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits with a beginning salary of \$64,937.60. The Health and Human Services Manager will report to the Health and Human Services Director and will be the lead on all substance abuse cases.

**Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Project Manager** - This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits with a beginning salary range of \$60,041.80 - \$62,444.20. The TAP Project Manager will report to the Tribal Administrator and will provide a high level of technical, analytical, research, preparing statistical reports, and administrative support duties to Tribal Coordinating Committee (TCC).

**Transportation Coordinator** - This is a full-time, non-exempt position with a wage of \$27.06 per hour/\$49,249.20. The Transportation Coordinator position is responsible for oversight and coordination of the MWT tribal transportation program.

**Floating Administrative Clerk** - This is a full-time, non-exempt position - 35 hours per week with benefits - with a wage of \$15.66 per hour/\$28,501. The Floating Administrative Clerk performs routine office tasks including routine administrative office support tasks in any office where assigned.

**Museum Attendant** - This is a temporary, full-time position with a wage of \$14.50 to \$16.91 per hour and greets museum visitors and interprets the museum exhibits and cultural aspects of the tribe.

Preference is given to qualified Native American candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, U.S.C., Section 472) and the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO).

## Historical Point of Interest Wampanoag Business Leadership Award

**O**n a number of occasions, over the years, members of the Mashpee Historical society requested a resume as to why and how the La Plaza Del Sol Motor Lodge was founded.

In 1961, the idea of erecting a lodging facility in Mashpee in addition to the Wigwam arose out of the need for a greater number of vacation accommodations with comfortable, respectable facilities for people of all races and nationalities offered at a Nominal price.

So, my family - the Soliz family - set out to accomplish this feat and earn the traveler's trust by extending "Top Shelf" hospitality to all who passed through our doors. We knew that Vacationers had endless opportunities to enjoy the perfect vacation on Cape Cod, so we tried harder to meet their comfort level and in most cases I think we did.

My brother Cornelius, and I saw the opportunity to put our hospitality Ideas into effect when our next door neighbor offered to sell us the adjacent property to our family home Stead at 72 Main St, Mashpee. Our next stepping-stone toward accomplishing our goal, presented itself when the Otis Air Force Base officials decided to expand their runways so as to accommodate larger, faster aircraft. In order to do this, the government decided to remove all of the former WW II German Prisoner Of War Barracks, which were near the runways.

We were able to purchase one of the Prisoner OF War Mess Halls 28x130 ft. long,



which was moved to the property we purchased on Rte. 130 in Mashpee. This Building served as the beginning structure for the first section of the motel. As time progressed we remodeled the barracks and subsequently increased the number of rooming facilities. The process of completing the motor lodge was slow because bank construction loans were simply NOT AVAILABLE for NATIVE AMERICAN ENTERPRISES in Mashpee during that era. Believe me, we exhausted submission of loan applications to all local and area banking institutions to NO Avail!! Mashpee was DEFINITELY REDLINED!!

However, a number of non-NATIVE Entrepreneurs received construction Loans to build in Mashpee at that time (1960's). This was a wrenching clarification of financial bigotry. The challenge to improve our economic conditions via local banking was NOT an OPTION!!

While difficult, this act of financial

exclusion strengthened our self-reliance. We started with very humble, neat, clean and respectable beginnings and accelerated to be able to expand and perform in the same professional manner, hospitality-wise as many of the ocean-side and waterfront hostels. After many years of innovation and growth we completed significant projects to enhance the resort experience.

Many Oceanside resorts referred their over-flow clientele to us, who became repeat customers over the years, because Barbara and her staff were determined to deliver the ultimate vacation experience to all who entered through our portals.

Our day of recognition was very uplifting when on March 7, 1998; at the occasion Of The Annual Wampanoag Ball the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council bestowed the very Prestigious Tribal Wampanoag Business Leadership Award upon us. This was a very heart-warming testimony and clarification that our ancestral tribal brothers and sisters were watching and cared that we put our best moccasins forward.

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With Deep. Love and Concern for Everlasting Tribal Unity I remain,  
One of your Golden Tribal Elders,

Chester P. Soliz, DMD  
"Blue Duck"

## UMASS to Host Native Entrepreneur Seminar and 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow

On April 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon, the Native American Student Association (NASA) in collaboration with its co-sponsors, will be hosting an Entrepreneurship Seminar and organizational development workshop. We will be inviting owners and representatives of approximately 20+ Native American-owned businesses and non-profits. This seminar will allow us to collectively learn, network and hear from representatives of organizations that advance the cultures of Indigenous peoples by offering expertise, resources, funding and education. This event precedes our eleventh annual Indigenous Peoples' Symposium, also on April 14. Food will be provided and the event takes place in the Amherst room in the Campus Center at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

This seminar will be one of four other events occurring April 14 to April 15.

April 14 Noon - 2:15 1<sup>st</sup> Organizational development workshop and Entrepreneurship Seminar.

April 14 2:30 - 5:30 11<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Peoples' Research Symposium will include 6 - 7 presentations ranging from: "The intersections of Diné Philosophy and Culturally Sustaining teaching" to a "Synopsis on contemporary Indigenous Entrepreneurship, nationally and locally"

April 14 5:45 - 8:00 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Native Alumni, Symposium and CPNAIS dinner

April 15 36<sup>th</sup> Annual UMass Powwow

## Wampanoag New Year Celebration



The Old Indian Meeting House Committee is extending an invitation to all tribal citizens, family, friends and guests to join them at the Old Indian Meeting House on Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 a.m. for the annual Wampanoag New Year Celebration. Guests should wear traditional regalia.

Following the service everyone is invited to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center for a potluck luncheon.

## The Legend of Creation *by Aunt Joan Avant Tavares*

In the beginning there was Kautantowit, the Great Spirit, who was the one that makes all things. Kautantowit made the waters and the land underneath, the air above the clouds, the sun, the moon and the stars.

At this time the land was covered with sea-water, and the heavens were filled with fog.

The home of Kautantowit is the Spirit World, which is to the southwest. He is the Great Spirit. There are other spirits that Kautantowit has set forth with their original instructions. There is Geesukquand, who is the Spirit of the Sun and Yoyannit, the Spirit of the Fire. Kautantowit felt there should be other beings in the Creation to carry out his work. So he left the Southwestern direction and came to the Earth. Passing over the waters, he reached to the bottom of the sea, got a grain of sand, and from that, began to fashion the world.

Kautantowit created the guardian spirits for each of the four directions, and the winds spirits as well. Animals were made to embody the four spirits of the earth and heavens, birds to embody the four spirits of the winds, and the fish to embody the Spirit of the Waters. Who is called Nibah-nah-beezik. Once the beings were made, the Creator breathed life into them.

Upon returning to the Southwest direction, Kautantowit realized he made nothing to embody the sparks of his own being. So he came back down to earth in the form of a giant hare.

Uskitom and Netimigaho had many children and grandchildren, and the human beings began to move out and cover the earth. The people were happy and had all they needed, living according to the Creator's instructions.

But, after a while, an evil one came among the people. His name was Mahtahdou, and he brought with him flies, gnats, mosquitoes, fevers and diseases. Mahtahdou began to spread these miseries among the human beings, causing them to quarrel. Soon they were

at war with one another.

Seeing such a thing happen, Kautantowit became very angry. He caused the earth to become flooded, washing away the gnats and mosquitoes, as well as the humans who had left his instructions and chose to fight the others. Mahtahdou, however, did not get washed away. He joined company with Maskanako, the Great Snake, who hid him in deep holes at the bottom of the sea.

While the whole earth was flooded over, Giant Turtle swam on the water. On his way back he carried Eagle, Owl, Crow, Otter, Deer, Fox, Turkey, Muskrat and Beaver. Seeing the animal people together, the Creator again took the form of a hare and came down to join them on turtle's back. He sent Crow out over the water, asking him to search for a bit of Earth. Crow had no luck and came back with none.

Secondly, Kautantowit sent Otter, the swiftest of swimmers, to the bottom of the sea for Earth. But Otter came up without any, floating to the surface of the water, so out of breath; the others thought he would die.

Next, Kautantowit sent Beaver, diving strongly with strokes of his broad tail. But he too came back without any Earth.

Finely, the Creator sent little Muskrat, who dived and was gone so long that the others thought he would not come back. But after a very long time, Muskrat came back to the surface, extremely tired and out of breath, but he held in his paws a tiny bit of sand. From this sand the Creator re-fashioned the Earth.

Again the Earth was covered with new life. There were animals upon the land, birds in the air, and fish in the sea. The human beings again lived from the Earth, and were very happy.

And from their hiding places under the sea came Mahtahdou, the Evil One, and Maskanako, the Great Snake. Being as wise as he is, Kautantowit made Maskanako the medicine man of the tribes, giving a choice of using his power for good, and not just for the bad.

## Marcus Hendricks Leads Walk Series

Sponsored by Harwich Conservation Trust, Brewster Conservation Trust, and Yarmouth Conservation Trust, please join 12th generation Cape Codder Todd Kelley and native Nipmuc/Wampanoag Marcus Hendricks for a fascinating series of interpretive walks exploring the history of Cape Cod from the First People and early European settlers to the nature of Cape Cod today. This is an engaging three walk series that follows a progressive story line about human settlement near freshwater sources and coastal water embayments.



**WALK #1: Harwich, Saturday, April 29**  
10:00am - 12:00pm

*Learn about the early natural history of Cape Cod through 6,000 years of First People settlement along the Herring River valley*

**WALK #2: Brewster, Saturday, May 6**  
10:00am - 12:00pm

*Join the First People at Saquatucket where the tidal waters meet the pure freshwater draining down through the Stony Brook valley.*

**WALK #3: Yarmouth, Saturday, May 13**  
10:00am - 12:00pm

*Witness the barrier beach estuary at Nobscusset and come to understand the historic period migration of this community.*

To register for a walk, please visit [www.harwichconservationtrust.org](http://www.harwichconservationtrust.org).

## Creator Hear My Prayer *by Mashpee Wampanoag Medicine Man Guy "Soaring Eagle" Cash*

Creator of all creation, hear my prayers,  
For I am weak.

My heart is heavy, not steady on my feet.  
As I dwell in a place, some not dare.

Not knowing my next sunshine,  
My next breath of air.

So as life's memories of youth fade away,  
I still struggle with my haunts from day to day.

So with my haunts that dwell inside of me,

I pray someday to be free.

Free from all the guilt, shame and low self-esteem,

So I come to you great creator to help become clean.

So with no reservations, I give myself to thee,

With hopes you'll listen and help me become free.

And as I rise from the ashes, from my knees

to my feet.

A fire in front of me of this I feel complete.

So I give this tobacco of Prayers,  
Knowing from the Eagle you'll receive.

I ask for the knowledge, strength, enlightenment and reprieve.

So the journey of truth I do seek.  
Hoping to be whole and complete.

All my relations



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# COMMUNITY



## Elders' Department to Host Penny Sale on April 8

**A**re you feeling lucky? On Saturday, April 8 you could win some great prizes for just one penny. The Penny Sale, hosted by the Elders' Department, is being held at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center with doors opening at 3:00 p.m. and winners being selected at 5:30 p.m. This fun, family friendly event is open to the public.

So, how does a penny sale work? You buy a "penny ticket" and use it to potentially win a variety of items that have been donated to the Elders' Department for the event. Tickets will be sold in sheets of 25 for 25 cents each (one cent per ticket). All the donated items will be laid out on tables with a brown ticket bag in front of the item for tickets to be placed in.

You can come as early as 3:00 p.m. to purchase tickets and to put your tickets in the bags for the items you want to win. Then, starting at 5:30 p.m. a single ticket will be drawn from each bag. If we draw your number then you win the item! You or someone else must



be present with the ticket to win the item.

Come have fun and put tickets in everything to make the event even more fun. The more tickets you put in a bag, the better chances of winning the item. There will also be door prizes and high-end raffle items.

In addition to prizes, there will also be a concession stand with hotdogs, burgers, wings, fries, sweets and drinks at a family friendly price.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact Elders' Department Director Joanne Frye at (508) 477-0208 x182 or x140. Items and food donations will be accepted until the day of the event.

## "Protecting Our 7 Generations"

Tribal Health and Human Services is hosting an info session on Saturday, April 22 from Noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Community and Government Center. Information on Indian Child and Family Support Services will be brought to the Tribe. Input is needed from the community to develop a community based program. Learn about the benefits of becoming a foster parent and sovereign rights.

Key note speaker is Thomas Cody from Casey Family Programs. For more information Contact Sarah Spruill at (757) 281-9146 or Michelle Fernandes at (774) 228-3035