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Dear Tribal Family,

Well-known among active tribe members is that we have a group of outstanding young people coming of age right before our very eyes.

But, I can barely contain the pride and joy I feel now that the rest of Indian Country has also begun to take notice.

As you may have heard through the grapevine or maybe saw on social media, Brian Weeden, Sassamin Weeden, and Keturah Peters have established themselves as national youth leaders.

Brian and Sassamin were elected as Male and Female Co-Chairs of United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) at the native youth organization's mid-year conference in Washington, D.C. last month.

Since UNITY was founded in 1976, the election of Brian and Sassamin marks the first time that a brother and sister duo were chosen by their peers to serve at the top level of the national network organization whose mission is to promote the personal development, citizenship, and leadership of Native American youth.

Keturah, meanwhile, was elected to serve as the UNITY Northeast Representative.

All three are definitely representing Mashpee well, as they joined 1,000 other Native youth from 230 different tribes across the nation for another first: the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering held at the Renaissance Washington in downtown D.C.

The four-day event was the kick-off of President Obama's Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative, which he called for back in April as a way to help foster a movement com-

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Mashpee Youth Among 1,000 at First White House Tribal Youth Gathering

A group of Mashpee Wampanoag Youth joined more than 1,000 of their peers representing more than 230 tribes from across the country who had come to Washington for what organizers were calling a "historic" first White House Tribal Youth Gathering. Following the gathering on Thursday, July 9 members of the Tribe's Youth Council attended the National UNITY Conference held Friday, July 10 through Tuesday, July 14.

President Barack Obama had called for the White House Tribal Youth Gathering in April as part of his Generation Indigenous, or Gen-I, initiative.

The event brought together Cabinet secretaries and elected officials - and the first lady Michelle Obama - for speeches and small-group sessions to discuss issues in Indi-



an country and share their stories with tribes and various federal officials.

"Each of you was put on this Earth

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New Bedford Casino Withdraws Bid Citing Tribe's Plans in Taunton

KG Urban withdrew its bid for a casino in New Bedford citing concerns over the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's plans to open a casino in nearby Taunton. KG Urban admitted to city and state officials that they had difficulty raising funds because of progress of the tribe's plans for a destination resort casino in Taunton.

KG Urban's abrupt withdrawal comes in the wake of recent news about delays facing the two other resort casinos authorized under the Massachusetts casino law. Under current forecasts, those casinos won't go on line until early 2018. The two years of delay will mean the state loses thousands of new jobs and a billion dollars in new state revenue. Under the terms of the tribe's compact with the state, the issuance

of a commercial license to KG Urban would have also meant an additional loss of \$2.1 billion in state revenue.

The state officially entered the casino era last month with the opening of Plainridge Park Casino in Plainville, but that facility is much smaller than the resort casinos, which require a minimum capital investment of \$500 million and are to be built in Springfield and Everett. Reacting to the news,

Chairman Cedric Cromwell said "We've always seen our project as an economic boon for southeastern Massachusetts. As our plans in Taunton move ahead, the economic benefits will become more apparent to everyone in the region, including the people of New Bedford,"

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Events Calendar

New Events

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

August 16 - 6:30 p.m.
Richard Bourne Sunday Service, *Old Indian Meeting House*

August 26 - 6:30 p.m.
Montessori Teacher Training, MWTCGC

Weekly Events

Mondays - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Youth Boys Basketball, MWTCGC

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

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m.
Enrollment Committee, MWTCGC

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

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



NEW Thursdays - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Women's Eastern Blanket Dance Class, MWTCGC. For more info call Marita Scott at (774) 327-0533

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

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.
Housing Commission, MWTCGC, It is held on the third Monday of each month.

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.
Chief's Circle, *Old Indian Meeting House* It is held the first Tuesday of the month.

Monthly - 5:30 p.m.
Public Safety Commission, MWTCGC, It is held the third Thursday of the month.

Mashpee Youth Elected at UNITY: Sassamin and Brian Weeden Make History

Brian and Sassamin Weeden did something no two other people have done at UNITY. The brother and sister duo, which have been active in the Mashpee Youth Council and on the national stage with UNITY, were elected by their peers to serve as the UNITY Male and Female Co-Chairs. It's the first time a brother and sister have been elected to serve at the top level at the same time. In addition, Keturah Peters was also elected as the UNITY Northeast Representative. The election of three Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council members at the 2015 conference shows the level of commitment the Tribe's youth have to serving the native community.

Chairman Cedric Cromwell congratulated all three on their achievements. "This is a monumental time in Indian Country, where these young Tribal leaders Brian Weeden, Sassamin Weeden and Keturah Peters from the Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council have been elected in key positions at UNITY and at a National Level," said Chairman Cromwell. "I give

praise and love to our Almighty Creator for giving us these young special people."

With our youth stepping up in so many different areas and succeeding in school and the community, we can feel confident that the future of the Tribe is in very capable hands.



Richard Bourne Sunday Service August 16

On Sunday, August 16 at 11:00 a.m. the Mashpee Baptist Church will hold their service at the Old Indian Meeting House in honor of Richard Bourne.

The annual service is held to honor the missionary to the Mashpee Wampanoag. Richard Bourne was one of the earliest settlers of Shawme, now Sandwich. He was lay preacher for Sandwich until Reverend John Smith arrived and Richard then went as an apostle to the Mashpee Wampanoag. Richard was best known for his work with the Mashpee Wampanoag and he learned the language and began his work around 1658. He was ordained pastor of the Indian Church at Mashpee in 1670.

Richard purchased at his own expense 16 square miles for the Tribe and worked with the Tribe to translate the Lord's Prayer into Wampanoag. Richard tried un-

successfully to have the Plymouth Court record a deed confirming the title to the Mashpee Wampanoag for the land between Santuit and Childs rivers. He died in 1682 without achieving his goal. Three years after his death, his son, Shearjashub Bourne, succeeded to have the land deeded to the Tribe. Shearjashub also built the homestead that now houses our Indian Museum.



Do You Have News to Share in the Mittark?

Do you have Tribal news to share? We want to hear from you. All Tribal Members are encouraged to submit news to be included in the Nashauonk Mittark. Please contact Melissa Hill at mhill@mwtribe.com.

White House Tribal Youth Gathering *(continued)*



for a reason. Each of you has something that you're destined to do, whether that's raising a beautiful family, whether that's succeeding in a profession or leading your community into a better future," said Michelle Obama. "You all have a role to play and we need you."

The first lady touched upon the historical struggles of Native Americans: being forced from lands they had lived on for generations, requiring young people to attend boarding schools designed to strip them of their cultural traditions and outlawing their religions and traditional ceremonies. She urged the individuals to learn about their elected officials, and run for local, state or federal office if they aren't satisfied with their current efforts.

"Make no mistake about it, your customs, your values, your discoveries are at the heart of the American story," she told the crowd. "And yet, as we all know, America hasn't always treated your people and your heritage with dignity and respect."

But the gathering was less about history that it was about finding solutions to current problems on tribal lands. Too many Native youth face what Attorney General Loretta Lynch called "tremendous" challenges.

For a long time the federal government has tried to "prescribe how the nations should live," but Attorney General Lynch said the U.S. government needs to recognize that tribal decisions are best left to the tribes.

"You have to lead, and we have to be your partners," said Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell. "Not the other way around."

The gathering came seven months after the president initiated Gen-I, which aims to improve the youths' lives and cultivate the next generation of tribal leaders. Gen-I came after the president and first lady last summer visited the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, which is located in between the borders of North Dakota and South Dakota.

On Friday the members of Youth Council along with their peers from across the country kicked off the 2015 National UNITY Conference with the ceremonial lighting of the UNITY fire. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the United States Department

of Interior and White House Initiatives on American Indian and Alaska Native Education William Mendoza where in attendance and spoke to the youth about social development, unity and community involvement.

Following the UNITY Fire, Mashpee Wampanoag Chairman Cedric Cromwell along with NCAI President Brian Cladoosby, Suquamish Chairman Leonard Forsman and Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Treasurer Pamela Mott led a round table discussion about strengthening your self-identity. Through out the session the tribal leaders reminded the youth that they have a world of opportunities ahead of them.

"You are great. You are powerful. Seeing all of you here today reminds me that Indian country is alive and well. You give me confidence that we can keep going and pushing ahead," said Chairman Cromwell. "All of you come from a powerful nation and you represent our future." Chairman Cromwell's remarks to the future tribal leaders encouraging them to stay united and engaged were echoed by many of the speakers through out the week.

Other speakers through out the conference included the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, Recipient of the 2014 Presidential Medal of Freedom Susan Harjo, President of the National Education Association Lily Eskelsen-Garcia, Actor Adam Beach and Congressman Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ). The speakers and break out sessions revolved around the themes of mental development, spiritual development, physical development and social development.

UNITY is a national organization with a mission to, "foster the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth, and to help build a strong, unified and self-reliant Native America through involvement of its youth." In keeping with its mission, UNITY has served the leadership needs of American Indian and Alaska Native youth for 39 years. UNITY has over 145 youth councils operating in 35 states and Canada. These youth councils represent thousands of Native American youth

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mitted to improving the lives of Native youth across Indian Country.

What a thrill it was to hear the First Lady, Michelle Obama, talk about how "Gen-I isn't just a summit. This isn't just a program. Gen-I is a movement, you understand? It's about tribal youth from across this continent embracing your heritage, telling your stories, and teaching people about your central role in our history and our future," Mrs. Obama said.

If you know Brian, Sassamin and Keturah like I do then you know each of them are great examples of native youth who have embraced our heritage, tell our stories and teach people about the central role the Wampanoag people have played in this country's history.

Yet, even as the history of indigenous people everywhere must be acknowledged and shared in order to understand how we got to the present moment, it isn't the end of the story. In fact, it is only the beginning – the foundation from which we can work together to face the difficult challenges impacting our youth in the present, from the prevalence of suicide to other self-destructive behaviors. And, as we are all painfully aware, we are not immune from the pitfalls that can ensnare even the best of us.

But neither are we isolated or alone. We face common problems in Indian Country to which we need common (and creative) solutions.

Now, I know it's a cliché to say the youth are the future. But, no matter how many times you've heard it before doesn't make it any less true.

Not only Brian, Sassamin and Keturah, but with so many of our youth stepping up in many different ways - succeeding in school, engaged in the community - we should all feel confident that the future of our Tribe will be in very capable hands.

I give praise to our Almighty Creator for giving us these special young people. Please join me in encouraging our youth to dream big, reach far, and to become leaders in every walk of life.

Kutâputunumuw,

Cedric Cromwell
Qaqeemashq (Running Bear)

Second Town Meeting on Land Disposition Scheduled for August 25

On Wednesday, July 15 the town of Mashpee held an important public forum at Mashpee Town Hall to review the town's plan to use publicly held property. A second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Town Hall. Tribal Members are strongly encouraged to attend.

The town of Mashpee is looking to designate 500 acres of town-owned land - land that once belonged to our people - for various uses.

The town acquired these lands years ago through non-payment of taxes. Tribal Chairman along with Tribal Council strongly encourage tribal members to attend the forum on August 25 to learn more about the town's plans and to voice any concerns you may have.

These town sponsored public forums are being held ahead of the October Town Meeting to decide what to do with this land. The town is considering a Town Meeting article that specifically identifies 283 parcels that make up approximately 517 acres, valued at \$27 million.

Selectmen Andrew Gottlieb and other town officials have been working to put a proposal together on how the land should be used. The land is mostly undeveloped now and Selectmen Gottlieb said the town's plan at the moment is to designate most of the parcels for conservation. Other parcels they are thinking about using for other purposes such as affordable housing, wastewater treatment,

recreation and parks, and possibly some for sale.

Similar plans in the past have failed because parcels were brought before Town Meeting voters on an individual basis instead of one "master list," according to Mashpee Selectmen Gottlieb, who briefed the Tribal Council at a special meeting on Tuesday, July 14.

A map of the project is up on the town's website for viewing with a color-coded key identifying the proposed uses. There you will find that the proposed plan includes: a 65-acre parcel on the eastern section of Falmouth Road that could be reserved for town playing fields, affordable housing, conservation and a sewer pump on Samson's Mill Road; 53 acres that includes the town landfill and transfer station that could include a wastewater treatment plant and effluent discharge area; 28 acres off of Red Brook Road with sections reserved for open space and for a waste treatment plant east of the fire station with a possible discharge area for wastewater as well.

Affordable housing is being considered for the western section of Mashpee along Falmouth Road and on Old Barnstable Road near the Quashnet Valley Country Club. Individual parcels for open space are proposed all over the town including plots around Santuit Pond, off Great Neck Road North, off Route 130, parcels between Mashpee-Wakeby Pond and Peters Pond, and near Winslow Farms.

There are other parcels that would be reserved for sewer pumps near Joint Base Cape Cod, Santuit Pond, Mashpee Neck,

Great Neck Road South and other areas.

The forums will include an explanation of the process used to determine the plan, an explanation of the project categories, and the process moving forward. Residents will also have an opportunity to review maps of the parcels.

Board of Selectmen Chairman John Cahalane has said the forums are an opportunity for residents to understand the reasons behind the project and to make sure there are no surprises or confusion at the October Town Meeting, as there have been in the past.

Even if it's only to learn more about this, please be there on August 25 to show the Town that we, as Tribe members, have a deep and abiding interest in how land that once belonged to our people will be used in the future.



Tribal Member Paula Peters reviewing the proposed changes to the 500 acres

Tribe Wins Regional Recognition as Leader in Energy Efficiency

The Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships announced today that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has been named a leader in energy efficiency for 2015. A total of 14 leaders were chosen from New England, New York and Washington, D.C.

The tribe was nominated for the award by the Cape Light Compact for what administrator Margaret Downey called "its visionary work to make the new Community and Government Center a showcase for energy efficiency. This a great achievement, and they deserve the honor."

The regional recognition follows the award of an incentive check of \$72,795 from the Compact in April. The incentive was given for meeting all 13 of the Compact's criteria for designing an advanced energy efficient building, through the New Buildings Institute Advanced Buildings Program. "The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe serves as a great model for other businesses in the region who want to



take on this challenge for new construction," Downey said.

Tribal Chairman Cedric Cromwell recently expressed thanks to clerk-of-the-works David Greene and Michael Maxim, Facilities Director, for their leadership and collaborative work with Compact. Cromwell said, "Because of their leadership we now have an energy-efficient building that will save us tens of thousands of dollars in utility costs. But even more important than the long term economic benefits this provides, what I most value is that we were able to incorporate into this very building our ancient commitment to be good stewards of the land that nourished our ancestors."

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The 46,000 square foot facility is a hub of activity for the tribe and hosts more than 200 activities per month. It houses administrative offices, a gym and fitness center, courtroom and historical archives, a commercial kitchen and food pantry. The energy efficiency measures include lighting controls, air-barrier performance, and advanced heating, cooling, and ventilation.

"This is a people with time-honored values of conservation and environmental protection. Their new building is a reflection of putting their beliefs into practice," Downey said. "We hope that other businesses will contact us to take advantage of opportunities to gain savings and demonstrate the same leadership on the Cape and Vineyard."

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is being invited to receive the award at an event on November 12-13 at the Omni Mt. Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire.

Two Open Seats on Enrollment Committee

The Enrollment Committee is looking for two dedicated tribal members interested in helping to oversee our enrollment process. Presently there are two seats open on the Enrollment Committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please send a letter of interest to Francie Dottin, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Chairman, at fdottin@mwtribe.com.

The Enrollment Committee and the Enrollment Department are dedicated to the scrutiny of our tribal roll and by all accounts hold our membership's information in the highest confidentiality.

Mwalim Nominated for Indigenous Music Award



The 2015 Indigenous Music Awards are set for September 9-13 at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada and this year among the nominees are Mwalim DaPhunkee Professor and his album "Awakened By A Noon Day Sun" is a top contender for the "Best Instrumental CD" category.

The IMA is in its 10th year as a festival and award ceremony. Top Nominees for this award are selected by music industry professionals and the general public decides the final winner. People can vote by visiting: <http://indigenous-musicawards.ca/signin>. Mwalim's album is listed under category 11.

"Awakened By A Noon Day Sun" won the jazz category in the 2014 New England Urban Music Awards as well as the 2015 Silver Arrow Award for best Native Jazz Album and was a top nominee in the Native American Music Awards.

Principles of Peacemaking: Waanutam

The following story on Wisdom (Waanutam) is written by Patrick D. Wilson a Peacemaker from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Pat visited us several years ago to teach us about Peacemaking and made an impression with his deep knowledge of Peacemaking. He has given us permission to use his Peacemaking material to teach and show our tribal members how it can work for us. It is a privilege to share his material with our own Tribal Members.

The conventional meaning of the word; "Wisdom" is knowledge, understanding, experience, discretion and intuitive understanding, along with a capacity to apply these qualities toward finding solutions to problems. Wisdom can also be defined as the coordination of "knowledge and experience" and "its deliberate use to improve well-being." It can be said that a person with wisdom can get to the bottom of an issue or problem; they have a clear understanding of who they are, others seek them out for advice, and their actions do not conflict with their "ethical beliefs."

My understanding of Wisdom is similar to the above statement. Wisdom comes from life experiences and being able to use what you have learned over the years and when asked to help others, it is done in a good way. Wisdom is a deep understanding of life's "trials and tribulations." A person who is said to have "wisdom" passes this knowledge to the next generation to help them in their journey through life.

I have also included one other "Traditional Practitioner's" answer to the question, "What does Wisdom mean to you?" Jer-

ry Ramsey wrote back this thoughtful insight; "When I think of Wisdom I reflect back to my Grandmother and as an Elder. But I must say that the identification of "Elder" is not simply a matter of chronological age, but a function of the Respect accorded to individuals in each Native

American community who exemplify the values and life ways of our culture and who possess the Wisdom and Willingness to pass their knowledge on to future generations. Our Elders continually remind us that we are all spiritually connected to the earth and earth creatures. Our Elders are Wisdom Keepers who carry the Ancient Knowledge and Traditional Life Ways of their Peoples. For Century's they carried Oral History, Healing, Wisdom, Spiritual Practices, accumulated knowledge and experience of our Natural Environment, stewardship of Our Sacred Lands, and our Sacred Ceremonies. Our Elders have much to Teach Modern Cultures about Compassion, Love, and Living in Balanced Sustainable Harmony with each Other and Our Precious Mother Earth.

In peacemaking we see wisdom in the form of personal experience and stories. In this way we can show the participants that there are answers to their problems, issues, or concerns. Many times the participants cannot see the solution, because they are too close to the problem. That is when a Peacemaker can use an objective personal experience or story to help the participant/s grasp the different concepts in solving their problem. This is done not to give the answer to the participant but to let the participant understand in their own mind what the answer is for them.

Teacher Training

The Mashpee Wampanoag Education Department is collaborating with the Montessori Academy of Cape Cod (MACC) to provide Montessori teacher training to Tribal members.

Join us, along with Rosanne Amaru, certified Montessori teacher and teacher trainer, and Director of MACC for an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Government Center.

Find out about time frame, funding opportunities including potential scholarships and stipends, what skills and certification you will gain as a result of this training, and more. Hope to see you there!

Tip from MPD

The Gosnold Reaching Out Program is a resource for family members and loved ones affected by addiction. It assists the family at all stages of addiction through education, intervention, and support.

Weekly Family Support Groups are held in the Gosnold Counseling Center in Centerville, the Gus Cauty Community Center in Falmouth, Scituate Senior Center in Scituate, the Harwich Police Department in Harwich. Also, weekly Family Education Group at Falmouth Hospital.

For more information, visit their website at www.gosnold.org or call (844)558-4357 or email mfisher@gosnold.org.



Building a Foundation for a Tribal Economy

Danielle Hill, senior planner for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, has three major priorities that she keeps at the top of her list – complete a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) bring in new grant funding to expand the tribal services and prepare a Tribal Land Use Plan. This makes the Planning and Development Department at the Tribe and its staff of two in high demand and extremely busy.

In anticipation of the extra work Danielle recently brought on board Associate Planner Billie Mills. “Last month marked the one year anniversary of the Department and my position, and I’ve accomplished a lot by myself. I’m excited to have Billie on as I know she will be an asset to the department.”

As of June 2015 the Tribal Council has signed an MOU with the Cape Cod Commission who is the Regional Planning Authority for Cape Cod, to prepare a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Danielle sees the CEDS as the first step to creating responsible economic growth for the Tribe.

“Tribal members have been asking for a strategic Plan, and this is it... It’s important that all tribal members are involved – as there are many great ideas out there. It’s time to start defining what we want and to start conceptualizing our future tribal economy – together,” said Danielle.

Essentially, the CEDS is both a document and a process. It is a process of analysis, planning and taking action to generate new economic development opportunities. It is completely community participatory and will involve a series of meetings and focus groups with interested stakeholders, such as tribal members, town and state officials, and local businesses and entrepreneurs. The process will review regional planning and market



research that will assess the current economic conditions in our area and identify opportunities to develop successful business enterprises.

Completing a CEDS is a major project that can take a team anywhere from 8 months to over a year to complete. Once completed, the CEDS will open up new funding opportunities and pave the way for future land use policies and business development. The CEDS process requires a strategy Committee who will oversee the process. If you are interested in joining the committee, please send a letter of interest to Danielle at DHill@mwtribe.com.

If this was not enough, the Department is also responsible for identifying, writing and submitting most of the grant applications that provide direct funding to Tribal programs and services. Since starting in June of last year, Danielle has been working on just over one grant a month, and has submitted 14 new Grant Applications for an estimated \$2,616,983 Million in grant funding.

If you would like to get more involved, have questions or suggestions, please send an email to Billie Mills at billiemills@mwtribe.com or give her a call at (508) 477-0208 x126.

Billie Mills Hired as Associate Planner

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is excited to announce that it recently hired Billie “Red Dove” Mills as the new Associate Planner in the Planning and Development Department. Billie reports to and works closely with Senior Planner Danielle Hill. Billie will be responsible for many of the day-to-day operations in the Department.

Billie was born and raised in Mashpee and attended undergraduate school at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She recently graduated with a Bachelor’s of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in management in December of 2014. Since graduation she has worked in finance as a Loan Specialist and Account



representative. Billie recently moved back to Mashpee and is excited to be a part of the positive growth and development of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. She hopes to be an asset to the planning department by bringing new ideas and helping the visions of our tribal community become reality.

You may contact Billie by sending her an email at billiemills@mwtribe.com or calling her at (508) 477-0208 x126.

Members Needed for CEDS Committee

The Planning and Development Department is looking for tribal members that are interested in volunteering on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee. The CEDS Committee will be a working committee responsible for developing goals and priority projects that the Community Development Corporation will be responsible for carrying out.

CEDS Committee Overview

- » Oversees creation of CEDS document
- » Ensures implementation of CEDS goals and priority projects
- » Ensures compliance with CEDS
- » Ensures public input
- » No membership terms

If you are interested in joining the committee, please send a letter of interest to Danielle Hill, senior planner, at dhill@mwtribe.com. You can also email Danielle or give her a call at (508) 477-0208 x 175 if you have any questions.

Domestic Violence

What we can do as a tribal community?

Tribal communities are addressing domestic violence/intimate partner violence across Indian Country. Many tribal communities are in the first stages, and some have developed strong supports for those victimized and those who have offended.

At any stage, any response is a first step. Here are a few suggestions:

- » Take time to learn and understand domestic violence/IPV.
- » Understand the various dynamics and stages of domestic violence/IPV.
- » Take all domestic violence/IPV incidents that happen in the tribal community seriously. Never minimize the violence that occurred no matter how much is known about the victim and/or offender.
- » Explore your own thoughts/feelings individually about domestic violence/IPV, and also as a tribal community.

TERO: Developing Partnerships to Move Careers Forward

Part of the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) core mission is to strengthen tribal resources and provide access to professional training. To accomplish this Director of TERO Angela Shwom has started to forge partnerships with organizations and colleges that have training programs the Tribe can easily tap into. TERO is spearheading the initiative under a new Workforce Training Fund that will likely kick off with support from The Workforce Center at Bristol Community College and then expand to other training centers.

"We've had several productive conversations with representatives from The Workforce Center at Bristol Community College and we're very optimistic that we can get our Workforce Training Fund up and running in the near future," said Angela. "We're currently working with the college to customize the training program and finalize a two-year Workforce Training Fund Grant. We're very excited about getting this program off the ground and providing free training to our employees."



With the wide-range of services the tribe provides to Mashpee Wampanoag Nation, it's important that the training program is diverse and able to fill the various training needs of tribal employees. Once up and running, the professional training programs may include everything from technical training and leadership courses to development training and specialized certificate programs.

Once up and running, the Workforce

Training Fund will be administered by TERO and will be available to all employees of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. The program will provide employees with access to a wide variety of training programs and courses that will help them succeed in their jobs.

The Workforce Center at Bristol Community College was initially targeted for the program based on its resources and success working with other employers to implement customized training programs. The College provides services that assess our worker needs, design curriculum, provide instructors, program implementation and grant writing.

Angela sees the entire package of services Bristol Community College offers as a huge plus. "They've had a lot of success developing these programs for other employers and I welcome the additional support the College is providing."

For more information about TERO and the programs and services it provides, please contact Angela Shwom, director of TERO, at (508) 477-0208 x118 or email her at ashwom@mwtribe.com.

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- » Explore past/present tribal responses to domestic violence/IPV.
- » Take time to understand that domestic violence not only happens in intimate partner relationships, but also between family members.
- » Research materials, and best practice protocols for Native Americans and domestic violence/IPV, and how best to address the issues.
- » Learn from what other tribal communities have already experienced. Listen to what they have implemented in their communities to help address domestic violence/IPV. Use that as your first step.
- » Start having conversations that are safe, and help to educate others.
- » Learn about and start having conversations about healthy relationships.

If you or you know someone who have experienced Domestic Violence/IPV - please contact the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit (508) 477-6967. To reach PumukQien Collins dial extension 2562 and to reach Nadine Phillips-Smart dial extension 6965.

Housing Department Updates

Housing Department Director Deirdre Lopes is happy things are continuing to moving forward in the housing arena. We're helping families like Beatrice Jackson purchase a new home to raise her family in and working with existing homeowners like Gordon and Nora Peters to ensure their home continues to meet their needs. Our staff also continue to make themselves available to tribal members and provide resources and tips about the local housing market.

We're in the process of planning some great classes and workshops. Please keep an eye out for the upcoming dates for the housing department's budget workshops, first time home buyer's classes, how to save for retirement, emergency funds, do you have one? These classes are a great benefit to our community.

Housing Assistant Brenda Fernandez encourages tribal members to stay on top of home safety. Here are a few more useful tips for easy, safe living. Be the Solution to Pollution: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Respond

1. Reduce the amount of trash discarded.

2. Reuse Containers and products.
3. Recycle and use recycle materials.
4. Respond to wastefulness by reconsidering waste-producing activities and by expressing preferences for less waste. Most of all educate others. For more information about your waste visit

www.epa.gov/osw/

Are you planning to rent that new place or planning to buy your first home? Housing Assistant Marcelle Vigneau and

the Housing Department are here to assist you in this process. If you would like more information about this, please contact Marcelle at (508) 477-0208 x108.

Here's a quick safety tip from Marcelle. Furniture resting on cords can damage

them, creating fire and shock hazards. Electric cords which run under the carpet may cause a fire.

- » Remove cords from under furniture or carpeting.
- » Replace damaged or frayed cords.

If you have ideas, comments or suggestions, please send an email to Deirdre at dlopes@mwtribe.com.



Beatrice Jackson and her daughters Noel and Brianna in front of their new home.

Youth Camp Links Culture, Academics and Summer Fun

For the 25 lucky kids accepted into the new Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Day Program the mix of traditional education along with the fun games you would expect from a summer camp have provided an experience that will last a life time. The three-week long day program provided kids with fun games, day trips, language activities and traditional crafts at an unbelievable value of just \$20 per week...the type of program and price that can take the edge off of summer care for parents.

The Youth Day Program was the brainchild of Tracy Kelley, Director of Youth Programs. "As a parent, I know how difficult it can be to find a great program at an affordable price during the summer," said Tracy. "I knew there was a need in the community and worked hard with my team to develop a program that focused on culture, academics and healthy lifestyles among our youth at a great price. I think everyone has been pleasantly surprised by how well the entire program came together."



Left to right: Junior Counselors Brailyn Frye and Kourtney Lebon and Senior Counselor Stephanie Plummer



The three-week program was designed to provide a bridge between the end of the school year and the start of Summer Turtle Camp. Tracy, along with Senior Counselor Stephanie Plummer and Junior Counselors Brailyn Frye and Kourtney Lebon also connected with other tribal and non-tribal programs to further enhance the day program and to fulfill its mission. Partnerships with 4-H Youth Programs, Mashpee Wampanoag Museum, Mashpee Public Library and the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project provided additional value to the whole experience.

Junior Counselor Brailyn Frye enjoyed watching the youth progress as they developed a deeper connection with their heritage. "We opened the camp every morning by coming together around our circle and doing a smudge ceremony. The kids all understand the importance of our morning routine, they're now comfortable with the ceremony and they've all had a chance to lead the ceremony," said Brailyn. "For us, it was important

to build our traditions and language into the program in a natural way and I think the kids got it."

The last day of camp was on Friday, July 24 but Tracy and her team have already started to plan for next year. "We're absolutely going to offer the youth day program again in 2016 and have plans to make it even bigger and better," said Tracy.



Kids practicing a round dance at the Youth Day Program

The program by all accounts was a huge success with the 25 slots filling up within just a few weeks after enrollment opened. Tracy anticipates enrollment for 2016 will open sometime in April, but the details are still being worked out. For more information about the Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Day Program or any of the other programs provided by the Youth Programs Department, please send Tracy an email at tracy.kelley@mwtribe.com.

Message from Gordon and Nora about Aging in Place

My wife Nora and I would like to thank everyone in the Housing Department for making it possible to now having a handicapped friendly home. We feel safe now that we have a walk-in shower and new flooring.

We also want to thank Brian and Bob and all of the subcontractors for all of the hard work they put into this project.

Everyone did a great job and took great pride in their work. Everyone was very kind to us and cleaned up after themselves at the end of the day.

Also we thank Ernie in his part on making sure things were going as they should. He came almost every day to check on the progress and the safety of the work that was being done.

With many thanks,
Gordon and Nora Peters



Gordon and Nora Peters at their home.

"Aging in Place" is defined by the Center for Disease Control as "the ability to live in one's own home and community safely, independently, and comfortable, regardless of age,

income, or ability level." More adults prefer to remain in their home of choice as long as is possible. Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) were used to fund the Peters' home rehabilitation project. Statistics show that falls are the leading cause of injuries among older adults. Falls can be prevented by making changes in the home environment to thwart the common features in a typical household, such as loose throw rugs, obstructed pathways, lack of support in the shower or bathroom and inadequate railings on the stairs. Some examples of physical home environment modification include installing walk-in bathtubs, grab bars, ramps for accessible entrance and egress and the removal of throw rugs. As stated by the Peters, they now feel safe to remain in their home of choice because of the recently completed home modifications.

Greetings from Our Powwow Princess Abigail Peters-Booth

Wuneequesq (good day!) Nutus8ees Abigail Peters-Booth (my name is Abigail Peters-Booth) I'm 16 years old and the daughter of Joanne Peters and Daniel Booth. I have a brother, Daniel (D.J.) Peters-Booth. I'm the granddaughter of Edward and Jayne Peters and the great granddaughter of Ellsworth and Abigail (Pocknett) Peters and the great great granddaughter of Lyman and Gracie Peters. I'm also from the Bear Clan and my clan mother is Mother Bear Anita Peters.

I'm a very humble dancer that's danced traditional, fancy and jingle (the style that I currently dance). I dance to honor my ancestors, my family and our Creator. I'm also involved in other traditional activities such as youth cultural and dance class. I've been involved in youth council for three years as a councilwoman. I also observed youth council for two years before I joined. Through the

youth council I was able to attend the National UNITY Conference (Arizona) in 2012 where I gained leadership skills that I brought back to my tribe. Additionally, I've sung with the Lady Hawk singers at practice and I love it. I also enjoy helping my grandfather with his vendor stand during powwows.

As a junior in high school I enjoy being a varsity cheerleader along with studying English and history. I've attended the Native Tribal Scholars (NTS) program for the past three years and I'm looking forward to attending my fourth and final year of NTS in 2016. NTS has prepared me for college. I plan to move on to college and graduate with my masters in nursing. My goal is to work full time at Boston Children's Hospital as a Registered Nurse and to use the knowledge I have now and in my future to help our tribal people.



I'm honored and humble to be powwow princess 2015-2016. As princess I hope to bring our elders and youth closer together. Our elders have so much wisdom and knowledge of our traditions to share with our youth. I love our culture and traditions and hope to accomplish an amazing year as powwow princess. Thank you and good medicine to all.



Thanks from Powwow Committee

On behalf of the 2015 Powwow Committee, we would like to take the time and thank everyone that took the time to visit and be a part of our homecoming. We've had lots of wonderful feedback from tribal members and friends of the tribe. This year's powwow could not have come together so well without the hard work of our many staff and volunteers. Please join us in giving special thanks to the people that made this year's powwow a success.

Jameson Fernandes, Parking Attendants
Dorothea Jackson, Bathroom Maintenance
Tony Perry, Grounds Maintenance and Ice and Water Attendant
Securitas, Security
Beatrice Jackson, Cashier
Shirley Jackson, Cashier
Unique Lopes, Cashier

Taryn Medina, Cashiers
Leon Johnson, Tribal Entry and Elders Transport
LaVerne Jackson, Elders Transport
Cecil Lopes, Back Gate Attendant
Denise Costa, Back Gate Attendant
Lawrence Balbeauna, Front Gate Attendant
Paulene Jones, Assistant Manager
Milton Green, Arbor Gate Attendant
Steven Costa, Ice and water attendants
Solomon Jackson, Elders Transport
Larry Hendricks, Gate Attendant
Skakira Askew, Dance and Drum Registration
Danna Floyd, Dance and Drum Registration
Carlton Hendricks III, Fireball Registration
Domingo Texiera, Fireball Registration
Rita Lopez, Day After Clean Up Volunteer

Thank you,

2015 Powwow Committee
Anne Marie Askew, Chair
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Russell Peters, Member
Stanley Dutra, Member

We'd also like to thank a special returning powwow sponsor, Tilden McCoy + Dilweg LLP, that was not included with the other sponsors in the powwow program.



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ICWA: Protecting Our Next Generation



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The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Department is looking for Tribal Members that are interested in becoming a foster parent. The ICWA Department is in desperate need of individuals to step forward and give our next generation the warm, loving and safe home they deserve.

Please contact Catherine Hendricks ICWA Director for more info at (508) 477-0208 x 144 at (774) 255-0119 or at catherinehendricks@mwtribe.com.

The MWT ICWA Department is located in the Community and Government Center at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649.

New Deputy THPO David Weeden

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is proud to announce David Weeden has been promoted to Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Prior to joining the Tribal Historic Preservation Department, he worked at Plimouth Plantation and with the Mashantucket Pequots where he educated youth through cultural dances, crafts, and provided valuable knowledge of the Wampanoag history, culture and life ways.

David has also worked as a union laborer foreman for a Rhode Island based bridge contractor keeping the highways structurally sound through demolition and reconstruction. He eventually started his own construction company which is based out of Charelstown, RI, (Attaquin's Construction) which he still owns and operates.

His academic experiences include attending Cape Cod Community College studying Liberal Arts, before completing New England Institute of Technology A.S. He then completed Bryant University's Project Management Body of Knowledge (PM-



BOK) certification program.

After returning home to Mashpee he worked on the construction of the new Tribal Government building with the RI based Architectural firm RGB as project coordinator. During 2012-2013 he was director of the Tribes annual Pow Wow.

David is always a part of traditional societies whether it's the Mashpee Wampanoag, Narragansett or Mashantucket Pequot tribal communities, he represents through his participation and assistance in many competences.