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## Chairman's Column



Greetings Tribal Family,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season!

The Year 2013 brought quite a bit of success for our Tribe with the construction of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Government & Community Center and the successful passage of the revised Tribal State Compact by the Massachusetts State House and Senate.

We are very pleased with the great advancement on our Land Into Trust efforts after meeting a major milestone with the facilitation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Final Environmental Impact Study hearings, which is a monumental step towards our Tribe receiving final approval of our Land Into Trust. Additionally, last summer the Mashpee Wampanoag Dental Clinic became the first Tribal Indian Health Dental Clinic to open in more than 30 years. And we continue to receive the expert delivery of Health Services to our people as well as Tribal Housing road construction and much much more.

There is even more to be excited about in 2014! We started off the New Year on a great note by receiving a letter from the Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn, that our Tribal State compact was approved. The letter, states in part, "We congratulate the Tribe and Commonwealth on working together to achieve this important agreement."

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## Bureau of Indian Affairs Approves Compact

**T**he Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe received approval for its gaming compact from the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), which gave the green light to proceed with plans to build a resort casino in Taunton. The approved compact between the Tribe and Commonwealth of Massachusetts has set another major landmark on the Tribe's journey toward building Project First Light.

"It's a historic and epic moment," Chairman Cromwell said. "It represents a collaborative and cooperative agreement between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. No other state has designed a commercial gaming bill and added a tribal provision that respects and honors the rights of a federally recognized tribe while protecting the rights of the state."



*Governor Patrick signing compact on November 15 that has received BIA approval.*

The compact, signed by Chairman Cedric Cromwell and Governor Deval Patrick on November 15, has already been approved by state lawmakers and is now set in stone. The compact details exactly how the Tribe can build a casino, and what specifically the state would receive out of the deal. Most importantly, it spells out what percentage of the gambling revenue would go to the state.

In this case, the percentage that goes to the state will decrease if additional casinos are built in Massachusetts. If a casino were to be built in the southeastern region, the Tribe would not have to share any of its gambling revenue. If a casino ends up not being built in the region – which is still a possibility – the state would then get 17 percent of all gambling

revenue from the Mashpee casino. In the event that no casinos are built anywhere in the state – which seems unlikely, as there are several casino proposals vying for various licenses – then the state would get 21 percent of the tribe's gaming revenues.

Patrick issued a statement applauding the BIA's approval of the compact, the Boston Globe reported. "I'm pleased that the Commonwealth's compact with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has been given final approval under federal law," Patrick said. "This is another important step toward growing jobs and opportunity in the southeast region and a good deal for both the Commonwealth and the Tribe."

While the approval of the compact was a big win for the Tribe, there's still work to be done. The Tribe needs to receive approval of a Final Environmental Impact Statement and secure land-in-trust approval. Chairman Cedric Cromwell knows the Tribe is now at the finish line for Project First Light. "Once the final EIS is issued we come into the final stretch when the BIA will issue its Record of Decision which in essence takes the land into trust," Cromwell said.

## Tribal Elections



Tribal Council elections will be held on Sunday, February 9 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Quashnet Elementary School in Mashpee. Four incumbents and five challengers are seeking the four seats up for re-election.

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## Events Calendar

### New Events

**February 6 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
My Life...My Health, 6-week Program,  
483B Great Neck Road South, Mashpee

**February 9 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
Wampanoag Tribal Election,  
Quashnet Elementary School,  
150 Old Barnstable Road, Mashpee

**February 16 - 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
Pot Luck Winter Social,  
Plimoth Plantation Visitors Center,  
137 Warren Ave, Plymouth

#### February 20-21

NTS Winter Retreat, UMass Boston

**February 24 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
ICWA Q&A Session,  
766 Falmouth Road A-7, Mashpee

**March 9 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
General Body Meeting,  
Mashpee High School

#### March 22

18th Annual Wampanoag Ball,  
Sea Crest Beach Hotel

### Weekly Events

#### Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m.

Enrollment Committee,  
766 Falmouth Road A-3, Mashpee

#### Monthly - 7:00 p.m.

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

#### Monthly - 6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Commission,  
Madaket Place, A4 Conference Room,  
It is held the third Tuesday of the month.

### Language Classes

**Mommy/Daddy & Me - February 15**  
Space is limited and registration is required.

**Basic Phrases and Greetings -  
February 6 to March 13**

**Boston Quincy Class: Beginner's  
Workbook - March 13 to April 24**

Visit [WLRP.org](http://WLRP.org) or call  
(508) 419-6281 for event details,  
registration and upcoming language  
classes.



### Tribal Announcements

- » Roderick A. Clark Jr. and Irene Fortes are getting married on February 16, 2014, in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Roderick Jr. is the son of Roderick and Cheryl Clark of Brockton, Massachusetts. Congratulations to Roderick and Irene!
- » Tribal members who would like to be receive Tribal "eBlast" messaging system, please forward your contact information to Councilwoman Trish Keliinui at [TKeliinui@mwtribe.com](mailto:TKeliinui@mwtribe.com) or call her at (774) 316-0305.
- » Congratulations to Selena and Tommy Hendricks Jr. as they welcomed their son, and first new Tribal member born in 2014, Thomas QS Hendricks III on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:33 p.m. Baby Tommy weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20 inches long.



Tommy QS Hendricks

### Upcoming Language Classes

Registration is now open for several Wôpanâak Language Program classes, including two new courses - Mommy/Daddy & Me Language Class and Basic Phrases and Greetings - and a beginner's class in the Boston/Quincy area. All language programs are available to Mashpee, Aquinnah, Assonet and Herring Pond Enrolled Tribal and household members only (children must be accompanied by an adult). You may register at your first class. Please note that registration closes after the first class unless you have made prior arrangements with the instructor. Classes are free of charge however, donations of any amount are gratefully accepted.

#### Upcoming Boston Quincy Class Schedule

**Beginner's Workbook.** No prerequisites  
**Instructor:** Eva Blake, call (857) 204-6949 for class address  
**Time:** Thursday Evenings 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. March 13 to April 24

#### Upcoming Mashpee Class Schedule

Location: 800 Falmouth Road (Summerfield Park), Unit #101B, Mashpee

#### Mommy/Daddy & Me Language Class.

**New!!** No prerequisites and Registration is Required

New class for children ages 18 months to 3 years old. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must accompany their child(ren). Space is limited to eight children and their parents. Enrollment is on a first come/first served basis. For more information or to register visit [www.wlrp.org](http://www.wlrp.org).

**Instructor:** Tia Pocknett, [tiapocknett@gmail.com](mailto:tiapocknett@gmail.com) or (508) 419-6281

**Time:** Every other Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Begins February 15

**Basic Phrases and Greetings.** **New!!** No prerequisites

**Instructor:** Jessie little doe baird, [littledoe@comcast.net](mailto:littledoe@comcast.net) or (508) 419-6281 for questions

**Time:** Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. February 6 to March 13

## Mwalim: Silver Arrow Award Recipient

**S**ix days into the New Year and about seven weeks before the release of his new album, Mwalim DaPhunkee Professor was tapped as one of the recipients of the “Silver Arrow Award”, along with The GROOVALOTTOS and NDN guitar virtuoso, Joseph Strider.

The “Silver Arrow Award” is given to recording artist, producers and touring performers for outstanding contributions to the Native American Music Industry. A panel of Native American music industry executives selects awardees. Mwalim was recognized for his accomplishments as a recording artist, songwriter/composer and producer for both his solo efforts and his collaborations with other artists.

Mwalim, who has been an independent artist for most of his 28- year career recently signed with Spirit Wind Records and



will be releasing his first album with the label, “Awakened By A Noon Day Sun” in February of 2014.

## Chairman’s Column (continued)

The Tribal State Compact approval from the Department of Interior between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is an extremely exciting moment in our history. Never before has there been a collaborative effort between a Tribe and a State, where the State designed its commercial gaming law while taking into account the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, known as IGRA, by providing a Tribal provision.

I commend our team, led by Vice Chairwoman Jessie “little doe” Baird, our Tribal Council and our entire Tribal Community for the support you have provided through this process.

This success is just the beginning for our Tribe. We have much to look forward to in the coming year. Mashpee continues to shine and we are learning, growing and moving in a positive direction each and every day! We continue to move forward together!

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Cedric Cromwell, Qaqemasq  
(Running Bear)

## Annual Wampanoag Ball on March 22

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball is being held on Saturday, March 22 at the Sea Crest Beach Resort in North Falmouth. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the festivities are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m with the awards presentation scheduled to begin by 7:30 p.m. This year’s theme for the Ball is “Celebrating Our New Beginning.”

Tickets for the evening are \$30 and \$20 for elders and are currently on sale at Puritan Clothing in the Mashpee Commons, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Office and at the Tribe’s satellite office in New Bedford. Rooms are available and may be reserved by calling the Sea Crest at (508) 540-9400. Please use “Wampanoag” as the event code when placing your room reservation. Also, award nomination forms were mailed out and are also available online at [www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com](http://www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com).

Entertainment for the night will include DJ Scott Nevers and a live performance by Chops Turner. Proper formal attire is required and all attendees must be 21 years of age or older. Proceeds from this year’s Ball will be directed to the planning of a Tribal Community Playground.

For more information, please contact Suzette Spinola at (508) 360-2578.



## Save the Date



My Life...My Health is a 6-week workshop developed by Stanford University and put on for Tribal members to address chronic conditions and promote wellness.

The workshop is being held on Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning February 6, 2014 at the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit located at 483B Great Neck Road South, Mashpee.

Hosted by the Mashpee Health Service Unit with dinner provided.

For more information or to reserve your spot, please call the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit at (508) 477-6967 today.

## It’s FAFSA Time for College Students

**I**f you are planning to attend college between September 2014 and August 2015, then now is the time to complete and file FAFSA forms. FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance. The information provided on the FAFSA forms is a requirement to receive federal and tribal financial assistance. To file a form, or for more information, visit the FAFSA website at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), or contact the education department to schedule an appointment for help with this process. The Education Department may be reached by calling (508)

419-6017 ext. 605, by email at [education@mwtribe.com](mailto:education@mwtribe.com), and by visiting the Mashpee Wampanoag Education Department Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MWTED](http://www.facebook.com/MWTED).



## Keturah Organizing Bone Marrow Drive

**A**s part of the Mashpee High School Senior Seminar Project, Keturah Peters has very honorably committed herself to organizing a bone marrow drive! We invite you to join us at Mashpee High School on Saturday, March 29 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. as representatives from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute sign up potential bone marrow donors for the "Be The Match" registry of the National Marrow Donor Program. To register at the drive you must be 18 to 44 years old, meet the health guidelines, and be willing to donate to ANY patient for whom you are a match. If you are 45 to 60, you can register at [www.bethematch.org](http://www.bethematch.org) and encourage your family members and friends who are 18 to 44 to register at the drive.

No blood is drawn at registration, instead, you'll be asked to swab the inside of your cheek to collect cells for testing. This testing is covered by many insurance plans in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, so we ask that you bring your insurance card with you. Also, we will gladly accept donations to pay for the testing of donors whose insurance may not cover it.

Bone marrow transplant is used to treat a variety of bone marrow cancers and diseases, including leukemia, lymphoma, and sickle cell. These diseases affect members of our community from infants to elders. Seventy percent of transplant patients rely on the "Be The Match" registry to find a donor, and the registry includes only a small



Mashpee High School Senior Keturah Peters is organizing a bone marrow drive as part of her Senior Seminar Project.

portion of the United States population. Patients who are Native American, African American, Hispanic American, or East Asian American have an even greater difficulty finding a donor match in the registry. The odds of finding a match for every patient will increase if more people join. Your willingness to register, and donate if matched, can save a life. By registering as donors, we can help our family, friends, and neighbors in need.

To learn more about bone marrow donation, and to read the stories of donors and transplant patients, please go to the website [www.bethematch.org](http://www.bethematch.org).



## Academic All-Stars

**C**ongratulations to all tribal member students who earned dean's list status at college for the Fall 2013 term; we are so proud of your achievements!

*Chelsie Miranda  
Shawna Newcomb  
Nelia Dashiell  
Stephanie Plummer  
Cirsti Costa  
Shannon Peters  
Shauntea Turner  
Latoya Green  
April Soliz*

*Robert "Bobby" Gonsalves Jr.  
Kallie Maxim  
Katherine Campbell  
Jessica Campbell*

The following Native Tribal Scholars students are high academic achievers for the first term. Keep up the good work!

*Keturah Peters  
Zoe Harris  
Victoria Fermino  
Carlise Baker  
Cassie Averett  
Brenda Price  
Lashelle Mathis  
Ciara Oakley-Robbins  
Alex Molokwu  
LeRoy Araujo*

Families of Middle School and High School high achievers can notify the Education Department by calling (508) 419-6017 ext. 605, or by email at [education@mwtribe.com](mailto:education@mwtribe.com). The Education Department would like to acknowledge your students as well!

## Tribal Elections

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Incumbents include Winnie Johnson Graham, Yvonne Avant, Carlton Hendricks Jr. and Cheryl Frye Cromwell. The five challengers looking to join the 11-member council include Aaron Tobey Jr, Marcy Hendricks, Winona Pocknett, Robyn Stamps and LaVerne Jackson.

Candidates had an opportunity to address Tribal Members and discuss current issues at a candidates forum held on Saturday, January 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m..

Please remember to vote on February 9!



## Fuel Assistance Coordinator Hired

The Elders Department has welcomed Latoya Green to their team as the Fuel Assistance Coordinator for the Tribe's LIHEAP and CITGO programs. Latoya brings a great amount of knowledge, dependability and drive, which are traits that the department continuously strives for.

Latoya is a Tribal Member and by her own words is "so excited to be working for her Tribe. It's something I've been hoping would happen for a long time!"

For more information about the LIHEAP and CITGO program, contact Latoya by email at [lgreen@mwtribe.com](mailto:lgreen@mwtribe.com) or by phone at (508) 419-6017 Ext. 601.

## Youth Ball Planned

Dee Dee Jackson, 2013 Pow Wow Princess, is organizing a Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Ball for kids between the ages of 13 and 18. The youth ball will be held on April 26, 2014 at the Navigator, 55 Ashumet Road in East Falmouth. Formal attire will be required. Additional details about the ball, awards categories will be coming soon.

Advanced tickets will be \$15 and tickets at the door will be \$20. For more information about the event, tickets or to make a donation, please contact Pow Wow Princess Dee Dee Jackson at [ddjackson93@gmail.com](mailto:ddjackson93@gmail.com).



Dee Dee Jackson, 2013 Pow Wow Princess, is planning the 2014 Youth Ball.

## Addiction Counselor Program

**U** Mass Boston is offering certification in drug treatment counseling. This is a full time program offered each semester. Native Americans are eligible for a tuition waiver. Tuition waiver paperwork can be obtained through our Education department.

For more information visit [www.umb.edu/academics/caps/acep](http://www.umb.edu/academics/caps/acep).

## Q&A Session Scheduled Foster Parents

**A** re you interested in what's involved with being a foster parent or how you can get involved? If you answered yes, the upcoming "MAPP" brainstorming meeting cohosted by the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Department and the Cape Cod Department of Children and Families is a must attend event. The information session will be held on February 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 766 Falmouth Road A-7, Mashpee.

The ICWA and Cape Cod Department of Children and Families "MAPP" meeting will provide details about becoming an unrestricted foster parent, a kinship foster parent, or a child specific foster parent. The meeting is open to both men and women, ages 21 and older that are interested in becoming a foster parent. The training is a mandatory requirement of the Department of Children



and Families to approve a tribal home for foster care.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Prior to attending this meeting, please contact Diana Taylor Roderick or Maria Turner at (508) 419-6017 or any of the ICWA staff at (508) 419-6017 to be pre-qualified by February 7, 2014.

## Join Parent Advisory Board

The Education Department is seeking members to join and participate in a new Parent Advisory Board for our Child Care Development Fund (CCDF). We continue to develop policy and are currently looking to establish an advisory board to assist in this important work. The Education Department has just begun its second cycle of offering child care voucher services. Once a board is established we will be able to enhance the process and more importantly we will be able to include the input of tribal members. Please mail all letters of interest to the Education Department, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649.

## WIA: Improving Service

With the turn of the New Year, the WIA department is working to improve customer services and anticipate changes, both big and small.

The most immediate change to take place is the amount of time needed to enroll in training and expedite supportive services. Specifically, the WIA department will implement a thirty-day turnaround from the day of intake to the actual placement into a training program. WIA asks for your assistance in promoting timely services by providing the necessary documents needed for program compliance.

Please visit the WIA office soon to discuss employment and training opportunities. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (508) 419-6017 ext. 606.



*"It is the mission of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Workforce Investment Act department to provide its members with the tools needed to become self-sufficient and self-reliant through gainful employment."*

## ICWA Announcement

**J**ennifer Dyer joined the ICWA Department in September of 2013. She is a Licensed Social Worker with 17 years' experience in substance abuse, mental health and homelessness. The ICWA department would like everyone to welcome Jennifer Dyer into our office as she has worked with some of our families in the past.



## The Education Department Announces Two New Hires

The Education Department is pleased to announce the addition of two Tribal Members to its team. Hope Schwom and Marcy Hendricks bring a wealth of energy and experience to the department; two additions that will continue to strengthen the programs offered and benefit our youth.

Marcy Hendricks is well known and respected by tribal member and brings a wealth of experience; having worked for the Tribe in various capacities and projects. She brings an abundance of grant management experience, strong relationships with area resources, and a passion for working with the tribal community to the Childcare Program. She most recently worked at the Housing Assistance Corporation.



Marcy Hendricks, Child Care Program Manager

Hope Schwom brings a great knowledge of computer skills, college readiness, and grant management experience to the Education Department. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Management from UMass Boston and was one of the original counselor and

tutor staff members with our Native Tribal Scholars Program. Most recently Native American Life Lines in its Boston office employed her.

Hope can be reached by email at [HShwom@mwtribe.com](mailto:HShwom@mwtribe.com) and by phone at (508) 419-6017 ext. 602.



Hope Schwom, Assistant Director, with brother Matt at graduation

## Tribal Emergency Preparedness Department Winter Check List

**T**he Tribal Emergency Preparedness (EPREP) Department would like everyone to be safe during the winter months. Precautions should be made in case of power outages or other emergencies caused by a winter storm. Everyone should have supplies that would prepare them to survive on their own for at least three days. To help Tribal Members stay safe during the next few months, EPREP has put together a list of items to include on your Winter Weather Supply.

- ✓ Portable radio or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio
- ✓ Freshly stocked first-aid kit
- ✓ Essential prescription medicines
- ✓ Non perishable foods - those that require no refrigeration - such as canned goods, dried fruits and nuts
- ✓ Non electric can opener
- ✓ Water - one gallon per person, per day
- ✓ Baby care items
- ✓ Extra blankets
- ✓ Sleeping bags
- ✓ Fire extinguisher

- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Batteries

### Other steps to be taken to properly secure your home and property include:

- ✓ Have sufficient heating fuel, as regular sources may be cut off. Have emergency heating equipment and fuel (a gas fireplace, wood burning stove or fireplace) so you can keep at least one room livable. Be sure the room is well ventilated
- ✓ Make sure your home is properly insulated. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows to keep cold air out
- ✓ Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside to provide insulation
- ✓ Keep pipes from freezing by wrapping them in insulation or layers of newspapers, covering the newspapers with plastic to keep moisture out
- ✓ Let faucets drip a little to avoid freezing
- ✓ Know how to shut off water valves

completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they are most exposed to the cold. A hand held hair dryer, used with caution, also works well

### Suggested items for a Winter Emergency Car Kit include:

- ✓ A flashlight with extra batteries
- ✓ A basic first-aid kit
- ✓ Necessary medications
- ✓ A pocket knife
- ✓ Booster cables
- ✓ A blanket or a sleeping bag
- ✓ Extra clothes, including rain gear, mittens and socks
- ✓ Non perishable foods
- ✓ A non electric can opener
- ✓ Sand for generating vehicle traction
- ✓ Tire chains or traction mats
- ✓ A basic tool kit that includes items such as; pliers, wrench and a screwdriver
- ✓ A tow rope
- ✓ A container of water
- ✓ Brightly colored cloth to serve as a flag



Ensure that your tires have adequate tread and keep your gas tank at least half full. Plan long trips carefully, listening to the latest weather reports and road conditions. Also, ravel during the day, and if possible, avoid travelling alone.

For more information call 211 for non-emergencies and 911 for emergencies. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe main phone number is (508) 477-0208.

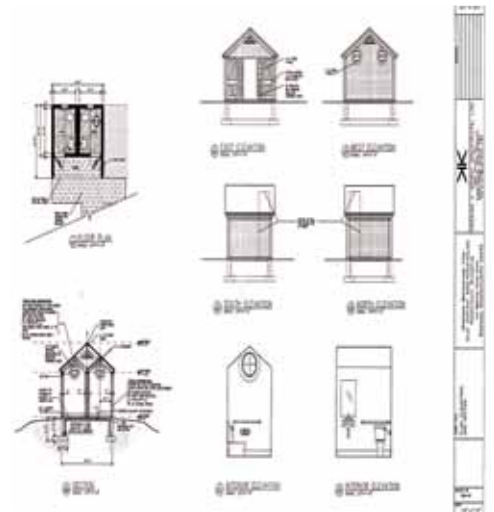
## Improvements to Our Old Indian Meetinghouse

**C**onstruction of new restrooms at the Old Indian Meeting House has begun. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Ramona Peters is managing the project. C. H. Newton, the company that completed renovations to the Meeting House in 2007, will be constructing the new restrooms.

The project is being financed with a \$124,870 Congressional fund through HUD Special Projects. These funds were originally awarded to the Tribe in 2006 to help restore the Meeting House. In 2012, the Tribe received a Federal notice relating to the non-use of these funds toward the Meeting House renovation.

We thank the current and previous administrations for their hard work securing the funding for this much needed facility

that also include upgraded handicap access at our Meeting House! We nearly lost access to the funds because they were awarded for the Meeting House Restoration only. Ramona resubmitted a revised proposal to restore the privies/outhouse since our beautiful Meeting House was already restored. After jumping through a number of hoops, Ramona, the Tribal Council, and Finance Director, Marjorie Seagraves, were able to rescue the funding with only two days left before the deadline. In addition, Ramona has approached the town of Mashpee, the State of Massachusetts Historical Commission and is researching an additional two Heritage grants by the National Park Service. Thank you for your hard work on behalf of our community and Meetinghouse.



### Employment Opportunities

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is looking to fill the following positions:

**Facility Director** is responsible for the administration of building operations and services, policies and procedures and programs. This is a full-time opportunity within Tribal Administration.

**Security Supervisor and Security Guard** to maintain safe and secure environment for tribal members, employees, and visitors by patrolling and monitoring premises and personnel and protect the tribal assets. These are full time opportunities within Tribal Administration.

**NTS School Year Coordinator** to serve high school students of American Indian/Native Alaskan heritage that demonstrate a need for academic services. This is a part time opportunity of 28-hours per week within the Education Department.

**Powwow Director** is a contract position to plan and manage the Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow, vendor relationships, and special events.

Full position descriptions can be obtained by calling (508) 477- 0208, or at [www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com](http://www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com).

### Tribal Court Hours for New Bedford

The Tribal Court will now be at the New Bedford office on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to know more about the District Court or the Peacemakers Court please contact Danielle Hill, the tribal court clerk at (774) 238-8881 or [dhill@mwtribe.com](mailto:dhill@mwtribe.com).



### Bids Being Accepted to Cut Wood



The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Public Works Department is seeking bids from qualified groups or individuals to cut and split approximately twelve cords worth of logs. If you are interested in bidding, please contact Public Works Director Jason Steiding at [jsteiding@mwtribe.com](mailto:jsteiding@mwtribe.com), or (508) 477-0208 ext. 204 to set up a site visit.

### Two Open Seats on Enrollment Committee

**T**here are two open seats on the Enrollment Committee. Tribal members interested in serving on the committee can contact Committee Interim Chairperson Leslie Jonas at [ljonas@mwtribe.com](mailto:ljonas@mwtribe.com) or [lesjonas@gmail.com](mailto:lesjonas@gmail.com). The Enrollment Committee meets each Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Madaket Place Unit A3.





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## Tribal Scholars Retreat in February

**A**ll NTS students are invited to attend the Winter Retreat, which will be held February 21 and 22 at UMass Boston. The schedule will be posted on the NTS/ Education Department Facebook account.

During the winter school break, Native Tribal Scholars (NTS) sent their “Top Ten-Academic Achiever” students to a night out in Boston. We are proud of the students

and their accomplishments. NTS will be creating more incentives for our students that go above and beyond in school.

The Education Department will also be offering SAT preparation classes. E-mail any questions to [education@mwtribe.com](mailto:education@mwtribe.com) and visit the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MWTED](http://www.facebook.com/MWTED).



## Winter Social



The Wampanoag Indigenous Program at Plimoth Plantation will be holding their annual pot-luck winter social on Sunday, February 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. inside the museum’s Visitors Center. The benefit social will help support the Mashpee Wampanoag Clan Mother’s Moon Lodge.

During the social, there will be a 50/50 drawing and a craft raffle. Craft donations are being accepted for the raffle. This is always a fun filled event for a great cause. Bring you’re favorite dish, rattle and we hopefully will see you there.