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Chairman's Column



Dear Tribal Community,

As we welcome a new season we have so much as a community to be thankful for and to look forward to this summer. Our youth continue to exceed our expectations with their contributions to our Tribe and excelling academically...they are proof that our future remains bright. We've organized another season of fantastic events, including a Strawberry Thanksgiving at the Museum, our 5th Annual Quahog Day, the 93rd Annual Powwow, Youth Sobriety Powwow and a Graduate Brunch. We also welcome Department of Interior officials into our home to strengthen our intergovernmental relationship and the services we provide to the citizens of our nation.

I cannot express how much I enjoy watching our youth; they are bright, full of energy and enthusiasm for our culture and eager to give back. They are truly a special group of young adults. Our Education Department held a Graduate Brunch on Saturday, June 14 to honor and recognize our youth and give words of wisdom, as our Tribal Students get ready for their next challenge. Immediately following the grad brunch our Youth Council hosted our annual Youth and Sobriety Powwow. They did an amazing job and showed with confidence that they are ready to lead.

We're also hosting our 93rd Annual Powwow this month from July 4 to July 6 at the Barnstable County Fair Grounds. Our Powwow Committee has done a great job organizing what I am sure will be another fantastic Powwow. The Powwow is a truly special event, bringing all of us together to celebrate

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Celebrating our 93rd Annual Powwow

For thousands of years The Mashpee Wampanoag have made our home on what is now called Massachusetts, and from July 4 through July 6 we will share our rich culture with family, friends and neighbors during the 93rd Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow. All are welcome to join the Tribe in our celebration of heritage and culture. Held at the Barnstable County Fair Grounds, the annual Powwow attracts thousands of visitors each year.



The theme of this year's Powwow is "Honoring our Waterways." Highlights for the 93rd Annual Powwow include traditional

dancing and drumming contests, New England Birds of Prey and musical performances by the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers. Competitors will be dancing and drumming for \$35,000 in prizes.



A special highlight of the Powwow will be the fireball game on Saturday, July 5 at dusk. Our warriors will be playing to ease the pain of sick and ailing loved ones. Native American craft and food vendors will also be on hand, including a traditional New England Clam Bake. Tickets for the Clam Bake will be available for purchase at the event.

A big thank you to the Powwow Committee and all of the volunteers that have worked hard to organize what will be another great Powwow. For more information about the Powwow, please visit the Tribe's website at www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com.

Revitalized Food Pantry Now Open

Thanks to the great work of our Tribal Council, Elders Services and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Grants Team, the Food Pantry reopened on June 10 and will remain stocked in the coming years. In the fall of 2013 the Tribe's grants team successfully collaborated with Elders Services to bring new revenue in under the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Community Services Block Grant. This is a formula fund that we'll receive annually on a recurring basis and was secured at an estimated \$100K a year for the development, maintenance and growth of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Food Pantry. Thanks to the support

and funding received, our Food Pantry will continue to help supplement and address the nutritional needs of our community, specifically for elders and families.



Events Calendar

New Events

July 4 - 6

93rd Annual Powwow,
Barnstable County Fair Grounds

July 13 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting,
Tribal Community and Government Center

July 17 - 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Care-Givers Luncheon,
Tribal Community and Government Center

July 17-19 - 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Gathering of Native American (GONA)
Strategic Planning Session for MWT Treatment
Center,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Weekly Events

Mondays - 5:30 p.m.

Recovery Group, Old Indian Burial Grounds

Mondays - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tribal Health Zumba with Natara,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m.

Enrollment Committee,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Coed Volleyball,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Women's Round Dance Aerobics,
25 Devon Street, Mashpee

**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,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.

Housing Commission,
Tribal Community and Government Center,
It is held the first Thursday and
third Monday of each month.

Monthly - 7:00 p.m.

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

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Commission,
Tribal Community and Government Center,
It is held the third Tuesday of the month.



Tribal Announcements

» Tribal member Naomi Turner, daughter of Seaman Turner II, received a scholarship in June from the CT Native American Inter-Tribal Urban Council thanks to a fund established by CVS Pharmacy for Native Americans enrolled in the Nursing or Pharmacy fields. She is pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Central Connecticut State University and will graduate in May 2015. The scholarship was presented at the CTNAITUC Powwow by James E. Rawlings, founder and chairman of the council; CVS Pharmacy Vice President for Diversity David Casey and New Haven Mayor Toni Harp. Congratulations Naomi.



Naomi Turner

» Congratulations to Justin Emerson Herald, who graduated on June 14 from Woodbridge Senior High School in Woodbridge, Virginia. Justin is the son of Heather and Jason Herald, grandson of Stephen Fred Hendricks and Debbie Hendricks. Justin graduated Summa Cum Laude and will be attending MIT this fall.



Justin Herald

» Congratulations to Talia Landry. Talia graduated on May 18 from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT. with a Bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism and a minor in general Business. She received honors from the National communications honor society Lambda Pi Eta.



Talia Landry

» Nitana Hicks and Cameron Greendeer welcomed a new addition into their home with the birth of Adeline Stella Hicks Greendeer on February 23. She was born at home and was 8lbs 5 oz and 22 inches.



Adeline Hicks

» Dearly beloved Wampanoag Nation, thank you for your love and support through out the years. Our family have two young adults in college and one graduating this year. With the support of our Tribe, Lester will receive his degree in Visual arts from Bowdoin University. I'm so proud to be Wampanoag, and want to say thank you to my brothers and sisters of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. God bless you from Lee Pearson (Shortbear) and family in Seattle, WA.



Lillyana Hicks

» Please join us in welcoming Lillyana Delscena Hicks, daughter of Brice Hicks and young sister to "Little Miss Wampanoag" Aiyana Hicks. Lillyana was born on Father's Day, June 15 and weighed 6lbs, 2 ounces! Congratulations to the entire family.

Opening on the OIMH Committee

The Old Indian Meeting House Committee has one member opening. Any Tribal citizen interested in joining, please contact

Committee Chair Carol Lopez or Tribal Council Liaison Trish Keliinui at (774) 316-0305 or TKeliinui@mwtribe.com.

Blind Joe Amos Sunday Service

On Sunday, July 20 at 11 AM the Old Indian Meeting House will host the annual Blind Joe Amos Sunday service. Pastor Curtis Frye, Jr. will be conducting the service with help from the Mashpee Baptist Church Congregation and Choir. The annual service is held to honor the ordained Mashpee Wampanoag Indian minister Blind Joe Amos.

Amos was a pastor with substantial credentials, a reputation for great sermons and a propensity to fiddle. In 1834 Reverend Amos joined William Apes, a Pequot minister and led an insurrection against outsiders from coming to Mashpee and taking the plentiful and valuable wood from our land. The State of Massachusetts called the peaceful removal of wood from the carts a "riot". The Mashpee began the first phase of true self-governance thanks to Amos. The relationship with outsiders would never be quite right, but the intelligent and wise Amos initiated the tradition of questioning the insensitivity of those who were unfamiliar with the ways of the People of the First Light.



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DOI Visit July 29

Representatives from the Department of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs are scheduled to visit Mashpee for a series of meetings with the Mashpee Wampanoag on Tuesday, July 29. The Interior will be gathering feedback about the Federal Recognition Process and a proposed rule to address the "broken" process. A public hearing will be held on the 29th from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center Gymnasium followed by a meeting with Tribal representatives from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"President Obama believes that reforming the federal acknowledgment process will strengthen our important trust relationship with Indian tribes. Acknowledgment by the Department of the Interior confirms the existence of a nation-to-nation relationship between an Indian Tribe and the United States," said Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell.

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the perseverance of our ancestors and strength of our people and culture. I also want to thank our Powwow Princess Danna Jackson. Danna has represented her Tribe well at community events, powwows and as a leader on the Youth Council. It has been a pleasure to have her as Powwow Princess.

We will also be hosting two meetings to discuss the proposed reform of Federal Acknowledgment Regulations led by the Department of Interior (DOI)/Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on Tuesday, July 29th. The agenda includes a morning session open to the public and an afternoon meeting with tribal representatives. We anticipate top-level officials to be present as well as representatives from other Federally Recognized Tribal nations. We are honored that the Department of Interior reached out to us to be host Tribe of the Eastern region,

for this very significant part of the Federal Acknowledgment reform process. As we know all too well, the current process for Federal Recognition is inconsistent and requires a significant investment of resources and funding to accomplish. I hope that our insight into the process will be of assistance and will help to strengthen the relationship between tribes and the U.S. government.

I encourage you to take a few minutes to read the Mittark and learn about the great things we have going on in our community. I hope to see you at Powwow singing, dancing, eating and enjoying the company of our people.

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Cedric Cromwell
Qaqemasq (Running Bear)

Pictures from Quahog Day on June 27



Elders Invited to Title VI "Lunch-n-Learn"

In the winter of 2013, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's grants team with the collaborative efforts of the Tribal Health and Language Departments, secured Title VI Elders nutritional and cultural funding under the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging.

The 3-year grant awarded to the Tribe this year provides funding for Elder nutritional and support services including the option of beginners language classes as a cultural program component. This opportunity provides our Elders with not only options for nutritional assessments and healthy meals but will also allow them an environment to engage

and socialize with other community members within the cultural context of language.

Lunch-n-Learn classes for Elders begin on Tuesday, July 15 and will be held in the Community and Government Center Gymnasium at 11:30 AM. The classes will continue twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the Gym. To learn more about the beginners language class, please call Jen at (508) 477-0208 x168. Tribal Health and the Wôpanâak Language Department look forward to seeing our elders in class.

Tribal Member Earns Medical Degree

Tribal Member Lauren Victoria Thornton, the daughter of Gayle Andrews, graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., with a medical degree. Thornton plans to work in health care policy and lobby for health justice for groups with healthcare disparities after practicing pediatric anesthesiology for several years.

Thornton, 29, earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Florida where she majored in microbiology with a minor in chemistry and graduated magna cum laude in 2007. Thornton also volunteered with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Health Department in 2008 and has toured reservations across the country with the Association of American Indian Physicians. In addition, she was a National Institute of Health (NIH), National Institute of Diabetes, Kidney Disease (NIDDK) Research Fellow from 2008-2010.



After taking some well-deserved time off and a trip to Hawaii to celebrate her graduation from medical school, she will begin the final steps toward a practice in anesthesiology with a one-year residency at Kaiser Permanente in Los Angeles followed by three years at Albert Einstein Hospital in New York City.

Congratulations to Lauren on her accomplishments and to her parents Gayle and Harold on raising such a bright and positive young woman.

DOI Visit *(continued)*

“Through this Administration’s outreach initiatives, tribal leaders have told us that the current process can be inconsistent, cost millions of dollars and take decades to complete. Our proposed rule maintains the rigorous integrity needed, but allows that process to be conducted in a timely, efficient and transparent manner.

Cedric Cromwell, Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, sees the meeting as an opportunity to improve on a process that took his Tribe over 30 years to complete. “I’m glad that the Interior has proposed reform to the Federal Acknowledgment Regulations and I’m looking forward to an opportunity to discuss our experience with them. I hope that our insight into the process will help shape the process in a positive way and may help strengthen the relationship between Native American Tribes and the U.S. government,” said Cromwell.

The existing regulations, known as “the Part 83 process”, were originally adopted in 1978 and were updated only once 20 years ago. Prior to that, Interior had addressed requests for Tribal acknowledgment on a case-by-case basis. While the 1978 regulations established a structured process for federal acknowledgment, these regulations have been widely criticized as being too time-consuming, sometimes arbitrary and generally “broken.”

“Reform of the process is long-overdue,” said Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn. “One of my first assignments at the Department was to search for ways to improve the federal recognition process and address longstanding criticisms of those regulations.”

Key features of the proposed rule would promote transparency by updating the Part 83 criteria to include objective standards; promote efficiency by requiring a petitioner to show community and political influence/authority from 1934 to the present rather than from as early as 1789; and eliminate the need for a petitioner to demonstrate that third parties identified the petitioner as a tribe from 1900 to the present. The proposed rule would make changes to the petitioning process that facilitate the timely issuance of proposed findings and final determinations. It would also allow an administrative judge to conduct a comprehensive hearing and review of a negative proposed finding.

Aspiring Young Artist



Morgan James “Zyggi” Peters, II is keeping up a family tradition as a musician and filmmaker. At the age of 11, he has already played along side professional musicians at jazz and blues jams around Massachusetts;

appeared as a percussionist on two award-winning albums; and has also performed stand-up comedy at several open mics.

A member of the Quashnet Elementary School Jazz band as well as accompanied the chorus. He is a student of the internationally noted drummer, Billie Atkins; Morgan’s love of the drums appeared over seven years ago. Also an aspiring filmmaker, in 4th grade he shot a documentary of his trip across the United States to Vancouver and back across Canada. He is a founding member of his schools filmmaker’s club where he helped create PSAs and short movies.

As a toddler, Morgan could often be found playing his father’s hand drums until at the age of four, he got his first toy drum set, which he kept in his father’s recording studio and would play along as his father worked up production projects. In forth grade, when the opportunity to be a part of the school music program came about, he already knew he wanted to play percussion.

In 2012 his hand drumming was featured on his father’s album “DEEP Soul Chants & Hollers” which won regional and international awards in jazz, pop and world music. For his 10th birthday he got a drum kit which he practices on every day (without having to be told). Some of his drumming also appears on his father’s 2014 “Awakened By A Noon Day Sun” album which won the 2014 New England Urban Music Award for jazz.

When asked about his creative plans for the future, he wants to keep drumming and form a band and wants to keep writing and making movies.

Tribal Fisherman Honor Our Elders

We want to send a Special Thank You to all of our Tribal fishermen and women who have taken time to share and deliver fish to

our cherished Tribal Elders...True Mashpee Wampanoag community!

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**JULY 4-6
2014**

BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

1220 NATHAN ELLIS HIGHWAY, EAST FALMOUTH

This year's theme is
"Honoring our Waterways"

**\$35,000
in prizes**

Host Drum - Stoney Creek
Emcee - Earl "Chiefie" Mills Jr.
Head Judge - Toni Weeden
Head Drum Judge - Darryl Wixon
Arena Director - Russell Peters Jr.

Head Dancers:
Cameron Greendeer (Ho-chunk Nation)
Nitana Hicks (Mashpee Wampanoag)

Fireball - Saturday, July 5th, at dusk

Open to the public - Adults \$13 | Children ages 6 to 12/elders 65+ \$8 | Children 5 and under free

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Tribal Member Chosen as New HR Director

Tribal member Jason Turner, son of Seaman Turner II, was selected as the new Human Resources Director for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. In his position he will be working closely with the Tribal Administrator and the Tribal Council in the development, administration and compliance of human resource policies, procedures and programs.

Previously Jason worked in New York City on nonprofit worker rights at the non-governmental organization Social Accountability International for 11 years on HR related issues. In this capacity he worked with websites, databases, and assisted with fundraising and program-related communications.

Jason is humbled to bring his non-profit leadership skills and professional knowledge back home. Prior to his work with Social Accountability International, he worked with the American Indian Community House and the National Museum of the American Indian in NYC and also at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center as their Public Programs Associate.



Jason has a strong commitment to Tribal causes and has dedicated much of his career to Native American institutions of social service and education. He graduated with a BFA from the University of Connecticut and also holds a Certificate degree in Filmmaking from the New York Film Academy.

New Clinical Director Hired

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of our new Clinical Director, Dr. Benjamin Mills. Dr. Mills officially started on Monday, June 16 and will spend the next few weeks going through an orientation process and traveling to other Indian Health Services (IHS) programs. Dr. Mills plans on starting to see patients early August. In the interim, Dr. Lora Fife, who has already been well received at the clinic, will continue to see patients. Dr. Mills comes to us with an impressive medical background and is a welcome addition to the growing health services provided to the Tribe.

Dr. Mills was born and raised in eastern Massachusetts. He earned a BA from Dartmouth College, an MD from Tulane Medical School and a Master of Public Health from Tulane School of Public Health. After completing a residency in Family Medicine at the University of California in Sacramento, he practiced as a Family Doctor for six years in Big Horn County, Wyoming; for one year in Vladivostok, Russia; for two years in Almaty, Kazakhstan; and for two years in Sonoma County, California, including a year as Medical Director at Petaluma Health Center. In 2004, Dr. Mills began a five-year term with the U.S. Agency for International Development, serving as Regional Health Advisor for U.S.



government health assistance programs in five Central Asian countries. He then joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Global AIDS Division, serving as Country Director for Cameroon for two years and another two years as Regional Division Director in Central Asia.

Dr. Mills returned to the U.S. in June, 2013, spending six months in Hawaii before moving back to Massachusetts with his daughter Tanya, who will be six in August, and his wife Galina. Dr. Mills also has two grown children: Molly, who recently moved from Massachusetts to Indiana with her husband, and Lyle, who works for Google in New York City. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Mills.

Public Safety

The Public Safety Commission will be giving monthly public safety tips and offering some insight into what we are currently working on and what we've accomplished since we were established a year ago this month.

July's Safety Tip : As we move into our warmer months, we remind our tribal community to stay hydrated whether your doing an activity or just relaxing at the beach. Heat exhaustion & heat strokes happen far to often and can be prevented.

The most common signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

- ✓ Confusion
- ✓ Dark-colored urine
- ✓ Dizziness
- ✓ Fainting
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Muscle cramps
- ✓ Nausea
- ✓ Pale skin
- ✓ Profuse sweating
- ✓ Rapid heartbeat

Symptoms of Heat Stroke:

- ✓ Fainting
- ✓ Throbbing headache
- ✓ Dizziness and light-headedness
- ✓ Lack of sweating despite the heat
- ✓ Red, hot, and dry skin
- ✓ Muscle weakness or cramps
- ✓ Nausea and vomiting
- ✓ Rapid heartbeat,
- ✓ Rapid, shallow breathing
- ✓ Behavioral changes
- ✓ Unconsciousness

PSC Monthly update: Since we were formed the PSC has been involved with all aspects of our tribal community. We're protecting and looking after all our Tribal assets. We have worked with tribal administrators on writing and implementing policies and procedures for our new Government and Community Center. We have recommended and created our first Tribal Security team. Creating structure, organization and bringing uniformity to our security personnel. We are working with the EJC on civil and criminal codes for our court system. We've conducted and assisted with CPR certification and training classes for use of the AED. We are working on developing our own Homeland Security Department to include our first Tribal Police, Fire and EMT/Paramedic departments. We are working with local, state & federal agencies on creating mutual aid agreements & training opportunities.

Pictures from Graduate Brunch Held on Saturday, June 14



Tribal Graduates

Each year we like to celebrate the academic accomplishments of our Tribal Members. If you know of a Tribal Member that graduated this year and is not on the list, please contact the Education Department at 508 477 0208 ext. 151.

College Graduates

- Bianca Perdiz, Brandeis University
- Cirsti Costa, Suffolk University
- Natasha Frye, Brandeis University
- Rachael J. Fermino, Lesley College
- Nitana Hicks-Greendeer, Boston College, ABD
- Eboni McClellan, Colorado State University
- Chelsie R. Miranda, Temple University
- Desiré Hendricks-Moreno, University of Massachusetts Boston
- Lester Charles Lee Pearson, Bowdoin University
- Nathan A. Peters, Bridgewater State University
- Taquana S. Peters, University of Massachusetts/Amherst
- Rita Pocknett-Gonsalves, Cambridge College
- Mariel Shepherd, Bristol Community College
- Talia Landry, Quinnipiac University
- Lauren Thornton, Georgetown University

High School Graduates

- Kailah Andrade, Winton Woods High School (Cincinnati, Ohio)
- Cassandra Averett, Mashpee High School
- Megan Bell, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School
- Jonathan M. Biggs, Harwich High School
- Stephen D. Cabral, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School
- Alanna DeBarros, Barnstable High School
- Victoria Fermino, Mashpee High School
- Hailee J. Frye, Mashpee High School
- Kevin M. Frye Jr., Mashpee High School
- Donye Gonsalves, Falmouth High School
- Robert Hendricks Jr., Mashpee High School
- Tracy Howerton, Mashpee High School
- Ciara Jackson, Falmouth High School
- Tahlia U. Jackson, Barnstable High School
- Steven Johnson-Gonsalves, Harwich High School
- Makayla Jones, Durfee High School
- Liyana Miranda, Wareham High School
- Alexis J. Murad, Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School
- Brandon M. Oakley, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School
- Keturah N. Peters, Mashpee High School
- John P. Robbins, Mashpee High School
- Hannah J. Rossignol, Bourne High School
- Attaquin D. Weeden, Mashpee High School
- Justin Emerson Herald, Woodbridge Senior High School

Job Announcement

Care Giver Homes is currently looking for an RN (preferably Tribal) for the Falmouth, Mashpee area for an approximate 20 hour case load, please contact Saran Craig at 508 768 7685 or Wendy at the Tribal Health Department at 508 477 0208 x166. Care Giver homes is a partnership of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in support of our Tribal Families and their caregivers.

Scholarship Apps

Scholarship applications for the 2014-2015 academic year are now being accepted. Applications can be downloaded on the Tribe's website at www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com/education or on the Education Department's Facebook page www.facebook.com/mwted.com and must be submitted on or before Tuesday, July 15. Please ensure that your application is submitted on time as any applications received after July 15 will not be considered.

Undergraduate students are eligible for a maximum of \$1,000 and graduate students are eligible for a maximum of \$1,500 each semester. For more information about the scholarship program, please call the Education Department at (508) 477-0208 x151 or send an email to education@mwtribe.com.



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Pictures from Youth Powwow on June 14



Tribal Businesses on the Job

Tribally owned businesses like JN Rose Company owned by John "Brother" Rose and Nancy Frye Rose and Carlton Hendricks' Enterprises have played an important role in servicing the final stage of the MWT Government and Community Center parking lot with their trucking service. We thank them for their quality service.

