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Greetings Tribal Family,

Our road to sovereignty has been long and winding, with more bumps and obstacles than most but we remain. We've persevered against what have seemed like insurmountable odds for over 400 years to remain here as a strong Tribal Nation - on our ancestral homelands in Southeastern Massachusetts - and that's something that will never change.

We also have land in trust, allowing us to continue to thrive as a sovereign nation while serving our people and protecting the land for the next seven generations. Our struggle; to fight to preserve our rights and our land is about our identity, culture and traditions and these are things we will never stop fighting for - we're in it for the long road and we will prevail.

Everything we do at the Tribal Council table is centered on the preservation and protection of our land, our people and our traditions. These are the guiding principles that keep us centered and moving in the right direction.

Over the past few weeks developments surrounding our land in trust have been moving at a blistering pace. We made a decision to suspend our request for the Department of Interior (DOI) to review our application under category 1. This was a strategic move to protect our land and our ability to revisit category 1 at a later date. This move also allowed us to focus our energy and resources on an upcoming appeal of a case that has challenged the DOI's ability to hold our land in trust under category 2.

Just a few days after we made the decision to suspend our application review

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US Interior Department Opens New Path For Mashpee Tribe *from The Mashpee Enterprise*

A letter issued to Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal authorities from the US Department of the Interior late last week brings a surprising change in the tribe's pursuit to secure land in trust in Mashpee and Taunton.

The letter states that the interior department would continue to review the tribe's application for land in trust based on a previously unexplored issue in the application. The unexplored issue has to do with Maine splitting from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1820 and whether or not US Congress' knowledge of the state's authority over the tribe at that time could be constituted as federal jurisdiction over the Mashpee tribe.

Tribal officials are heralding the interior department's decision as a new path forward in the application.

"The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is grateful that the U.S. Department of Interior today has provided a pathway forward in securing our reservation lands," stated Cedric Cromwell, chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, in a news release issued on June 30. "This evening I received a letter announcing the Interior Department decision to extend and expand the review process by

inviting us to submit further materials demonstrating how our tribal history supports our rights to trust land."

James E. Cason, associate deputy secretary of the interior department, issued the letter to the tribe, which was forwarded to media outlets on Friday evening, June 30, just after 10 PM.

Also in the letter was attached a 33-page finding that Mr. Cason was ready to make that would have rejected the tribe's remand application on June 19.

The letter follows the news last week that the tribe requested that the federal government suspend the remand process, and that the tribe would continue with an appeal of a lower court decision. Last week, it was unclear why the tribe had wanted to suspend the process and the request suggested that the federal government may have abandoned the tribe.

However, the department's letter states that the federal government identified an opportunity for further review of the tribe's application for land in trust, opening a new door for the tribe.

Mr. Cason's letter states that both the tribe and East Taunton residents, in their

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Tribal Officials Investigate Blue Heron

The cause of an increasing number of great blue heron deaths on tribal land in recent weeks continues to elude officials despite testing and several theories.

The latest dead heron was found Monday by Mashpee Wampanoag tribal police at the Mashpee River herring run, located on tribal land off Route 130. It was found in the same location as the other eight birds and, like them, there was no obvious cause of death, according to Mashpee Wampanoag Police Chief Kevin Frye.

Preliminary test results of the birds conducted by the Connecticut Veteri-



nary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Connecticut did not suggest a cause of the birds' death. Additional test-

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Events Calendar

New Events

July 8 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ryan Scott Memorial Basketball
Tournament, *Pocknett Field (Heritage Park)*

July 9 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
General Body Meeting, *MWTCCG*

July 20 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Community Development Corporation
Community Meeting, *MWTCCG*

July 22 - Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Tribal Health Fair, *MWTCCG*

July 23 - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Native Artisan Festival, *Mashpee
Community Park*

August 1 - 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
National Night Out, *Mashpee Police and
Fire Department Field*

August 7 - 11
Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum
Summer Day Camp, *Mashpee Wampanoag
Indian Museum*

August 13 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
General Body Meeting, *MWTCCG*

Weekly Events

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

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

**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, *MWTCCG*

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

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

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

NEW Saturdays - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Youth Rec Nights (grades 7-12),
MWTCCG

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

Food Pantry Hours

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

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

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

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Jessie Baird Named Unsung Heroine

On June 21 six Cape Cod women, including Vice Chairwoman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Jessie "little doe" Baird were honored by the state of Massachusetts as 2017 "Unsung Heroines," by the Commission on the Status of Women.

Vice Chairwoman Baird was nominated by Representative David T. Viera. Annual Unsung Heroine honors go to incredible women who have been nominated by legislators from their districts and selected for their contributions to their community and the commonwealth.

In addition to Vice Chairwoman Baird, other honorees from Cape Cod included Lynda Allen, executive director of Crystal Garden Children's Learning Center in Hyannis;



David T. Viera with Jessie "little doe" Baird

Elizabeth Tucker, Dennis police officer; Marie Younger Blackburn; Flannery Rogers; Francie Randolph, director of Sustainable CAPE.

Congratulations to these outstanding Cape Cod residents for an honor well deserved and thank you Vice Chairwoman Baird for all of your work to make your Tribe and community a better place to live and work.

Youth Powwow Rescheduled for the Fall

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Youth Council will host the annual "Youth Sobriety Powwow" in the Fall of 2017. The Youth Sobriety Powwow was previously planned for June 17, 2017 at the MWT Powwow Grounds but had to be postponed.

The Youth Council would like to extend their apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. They will post the new date and details as soon as the information is available. Thank you for your support!

Ashley Reeves Receives Master's from USC

Congratulations to Ashley Reeves who recently graduated from the University of Southern California with her Master's Degree in Social Work. Ashley is currently working as a caseworker in the Tribe's ICWA Department, where she has served her community for the past seven months. Prior to joining the ICWA Department team, Ashley worked for the Department of Children and Families (DCF) hotline for two years and has also worked with at risk youth in the Boston area. Congratulations Ashley and thank you for continuing to serve your tribe and the next generation.



Mekye Barnes



Congratulations to Mekye Clement Barnes who graduated from Wakefield High School in Raleigh, North Carolina on Sunday, June 11. Mekye is the son of Goran and Gladys Barnes, the grandson of George & Gladys Barnes & the great grandson of Adeline & Donald Hicks, Sr.

Wayne Jackson, Jr.



Congratulations to Wayne J.C. Jackson, Jr. who graduated from Mashpee High School on June 3, 2017. Wayne is pictured above with his father Wayne J.C. Jackson, Sr. and his great Uncle Wayne A. Jackson.

Wayne will be attending Bryant University in the fall. Congratulations Wayne.

Chairman's Column *(continued)*

under category 1, I received some encouraging news from the DOI. I was informed that the Interior Department would continue to review our application for land in trust under category 1, based on a previously unexplored series of interactions between our Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

All along I've been saying that we're going to pursue several tracks to forever protect our homelands. The most recent announcement by the DOI specifically identifies other avenues to pursue.

Needless to say, I welcome this opportunity to submit further materials demonstrating how our tribal history supports our rights to trust land. We've got a strong history and I look forward to continuing to share this history with the Interior Department and the appeals court as we move forward on several tracks to protect our land.

I realize this has been and contin-

ues to be an emotional process with what can seem like an endless amount of ups and downs. But what's important right now is that we remain in this together as a strong Tribal Nation willing to focus our collective power against any and all opposition. That we never give up or give in. If we do this I'm confident that we'll stand on the right side of history and that truth will prevail. Let's win this TOGETHER!

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Cedric Cromwell
Qaqemasq
(Running Bear)

Tribal Police Making it Easier to Dispose of Drugs



Unused, unwanted and expired medications and drugs (including narcotics and pet medication) can now be disposed of year round at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center thanks to a new, secure RX drop box that was placed just outside of the elders department.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Police Department, which worked with Indian Health Services (IHS) to secure a grant to purchase the box, sees this as another way to combat the drug and opiate epidemic. With the exception of a few items, such as inhalers and needles, the RX lock box provides a safe and anonymous way to safely dispose of medication and drugs. Complete instructions are located on the RX box that includes a list of items that cannot be dropped in it.

The Tribe recognized that tribal youth and citizens currently struggling with addiction may abuse medications that otherwise could have been disposed of. Removing these medications is very important and IHS and Tribal Police wanted to make it as easy as possible to remove these medications from homes and the streets. It's also a good reminder that this lock box is the proper way to dispose of medications and that they should not be flushed down the toilet or thrown in the trash.

All medication that is disposed of in the RX lock box will be disposed of in accordance with local and state department of health standards. There are also plans to install a sharps box that needles can be disposed of in.

Al and Hunter Tobey Attend Envirothon

Tribal citizen Al Tobey accompanied his son Hunter Tobey to the 30th Annual Massachusetts Envirothon on May 18. Hunter was able to enter the event through the Building Pathways for Tribal Youth Program. The annual event, which is the state's leading natural resource education program for high school students, was held at Drumlin Farm in Lincoln.

The Envirothon emphasizes hands-on, team-oriented problem solving and community involvement that prepares young people for environmental careers and active citizenship. At this year's event, teams representing communities from Cape Cod to the Berkshires prepared all school year exploring soil, water, wildlife and forest resources and then brought that knowledge to the comple-

tion to demonstrate what they've learned about the environment.

Congratulations Hunter and thanks for representing your Tribe at the statewide event.



Al and Hunter Tobey at Envirothon

Mashpee Police Department 2nd Annual National Night Out

The Mashpee Police Department will host their 2nd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The family fun event will once again be held in the field between the Mashpee Police and Fire Departments.

The event, which is designed to bring the community - young and old - together around fun, food and fellowship will feature free raffles and prizes and much, much more. Music will be provided by the award-winning

soul-funk-blues trio The GroovaLottos and the Sound Dunes Swing Ensemble Band. There will also be children activities, giveaways, free food courtesy of The Lanes Bowl and Bistro, Dino's Sports Bar, Polar Cave Ice Cream Parlor and Washashore Bakery. Also returning from last year will be the popular dunk tank and police, fire and DPW vehicle tours.

Bring your family and join the Mashpee Police for this event.

US Interior Department Opens New Path For Mashpee Tribe

submissions of evidence in the remand process, discussed a lawsuit from 1975 in the US Court of Appeals, First Circuit, called the Joint Tribal Council of Passamaquoddy Tribe v. Morton. The landmark lawsuit in Maine led to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act, \$81.5 million to the Passamaquoddy Tribe to purchase land in Maine, and extinguished all aboriginal law in the state. The Passamaquoddy and Penobscot, non-federally-recognized Indian tribes, had filed a land lawsuit similar to the Mashpee tribe in the 1970s, although on a much larger scale or over half of the state.

Mr. Cason's letter states that the court in the Maine lawsuit found that before Maine became its own state, it comprised a district within Massachusetts. When making Maine an official state, US Congress "had notice of Massachusetts' exercise of authority over Indian affairs in the state," the letter states.

"This fact raises a potentially important issue for the remand analysis that neither the Tribe nor the Littlefield plaintiffs explored," the associate deputy secretary stated. "I therefore request supplemental briefing from the parties on the question of whether the exercise of authority over the Tribe by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts could be considered a surrogate for federal jurisdiction for purposes of the [Indian Reorganization Act]'s first definition of 'Indian.'"

The first definition of the Reorganization Act, out of three definitions, defines Indians as "all persons of Indian descent who are members of any recognized Indian tribe now under federal jurisdiction."

The first definition of Indian was at the heart of a notorious lawsuit in Indian country known as the Carcieri case. The US Supreme Court in Carcieri decided that the interior department could only declare land in trust for tribes federally recognized in 1934, when the act passed. In the case, the high court ruled the interior department lacked the authority to take land into trust for the Narragansett Tribe in Rhode Island, a tribe that had not been recognized until the 1980s. The Supreme Court decision led to uncertainty of the

interior department's authority to take land into trust for tribes recognized after 1934. The Mashpee tribe received its federal recognition status in 2007.

But a recent ruling involving the Cowlitz Tribe on the West Coast brought hope to tribes, including the Mashpee, that were federally recognized after the 1934 act. The Supreme Court eventually ruled it would not hear the Cowlitz case, granting the Cowlitz reservation land.

At the heart of the case was the difference between "recognized" and "under federal jurisdiction." The Cowlitz were able to prove that, while not federally "recognized" in 1934, they were "under federal jurisdiction," and thus entitled to land.

The federal government had originally granted the tribe's land in trust application under definition two of Indian. Definition two of the Act defines Indians as descendants of a recognized tribe. But district court Judge William G. Young ruled that the second definition also requires that tribe be under federal jurisdiction in 1934.

Mr. Cason further states that the new Maine fact could prove the tribe had been under federal jurisdiction when the 1934 act passed.

"We are now working several tracks to preserve our land base," Mr. Cromwell is quoted in the June 30 release. "The DOI announcement specifically identifies other avenues to pursue. Because we succeeded in the federal recognition process, the Department is familiar with our unique history. They have suggested that we supplement on at least one aspect of our history prior to 1934. They have suggested that we continue to work with them to protect our lands."

While Friday's letter provides new hope for the tribe, it also sheds light on questions which remained unanswered last week.

For one, land in Mashpee and Taunton remain in trust. "The Mashpee and Taunton parcels remain in trust status, unless a court orders otherwise, while the Department considers the parties' supplemental sub-

missions on remand," Mr. Cason's letter reads. Also, the interior department was ready to deny the tribe's application for land in trust based on a tighter deadline encouraged by the tribe.

"I must conclude that the evidence submitted by the Tribe on remand provides insufficient indicia of federal jurisdiction beyond the general principle of plenary authority," Mr. Cason's decision reads.

"The evidence does not demonstrate that the United States had, at or before 1934, taken an action or series of actions that sufficiently establish or reflect federal obligations, duties, responsibilities for or authority over the tribe," the decision states. "As a result I conclude that the evidence does not show that the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934 for purposes of the [Indian Reorganization Act]."

His letter also states that he had been ready to make a decision on June 19, the original deadline for a decision on the remand. His letter indicates that the tribe had urged the department to make a decision on or before June 19, although why remains unclear. It is also unclear why no decision was made prior to or after the tribe requested the suspension of the process. "Because of continuing concerns regarding the Department's analysis, however, the Department notified the parties that a final decision would not issue before June 27," was the only mention Mr. Cason made in his letter. Mr. Cason also states that he denied the tribe's request to suspend the remand application because of the unexplored evidence.

"This is to inform you that I am denying the Tribe's request to suspend my review, and that I further withdraw the decision prepared on June 19, 2017, for lack of full consideration of the complex issues arising from the unique historical relationship of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the Tribe and the Federal Government," Mr. Cason's letter states.

By Sam Houghton, *The Mashpee Enterprise*

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on July 8

Ryan Scott's 2nd Annual Memorial Benefit 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pocknett Field (Heritage Park on Route 130 in Mashpee). The basketball tournament is open to the public and all proceeds will go to Ryan's Children's Trust Fund.

Teams of four can register the day

of the tournament and must be ready to play by 10:00 a.m. There is a registration fee of \$15 per player and kids 10 years old and under are free. The winning team will walk away with a trophy. In addition to basketball there will be food at \$5 per plate, beverages, a 50/50 raffle and music.

Everyone is welcome...and all

ages. #MashpeeStrong



Exercising Self-Determination and Self-Governance

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is taking steps to bring the Indian Health Service (IHS) Health Clinic under tribal governance through self-determination and self-governance, which equals sovereignty.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council has initiated a formal process with the Indian Health Service (IHS) to bring the current IHS Health Clinic, operating at the Tribe's main headquarters in Mashpee, under Tribal governance. This means that the tribe is preparing its governmental and operational infrastructure to meet the standards and capacity that is required to administer and manage the full operation of the health clinic by the Tribe.

IHS has done an excellent job over the years and the Council and community are very appreciative of all their work. However, as a Sovereign Nation the Tribal Council has a responsibility and obligation to build capacity in all areas of the government and to bring a self-sufficiency status to our people. This is Self-Governance. www.ihs.gov/SelfGovernance

The Tribal Council strongly agrees that the services provided by the IHS clinic can be better integrated with the broad array of other health-related services provided by the Tribe to fully meet the specific needs of our Tribal members and their families.

The 1 to 3-year process to explore and implement self-governance is being overseen and lead by Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Tribal Council member and serves as the Council's Health and Human Services Liaison. Cheryl works closely with John Snow, Inc. (JSI), a health care consulting firm, whom provides technical assistance to ensure that the Tribe is fully prepared to operate the clinic. JSI's main task currently is to conduct a feasibility study that would guide the Tribe in decisions regarding self-governance and assuming responsibility



Cheryl Frye-Cromwell at the 2017 Tribal Self-Governance Annual Conference

for Clinic operations. This feasibility study is in process and will be completed in the fall of 2017.

There are other phases of the process that need to be completed before a decision is made and there will be more education around this initiative as it moves along.

To help inform the feasibility study, the Tribe is asking Tribal members to complete a brief survey to gather input on health-related issues, including:

- Major health issues affecting the Tribe
- Leading barriers preventing Tribal members from accessing services
- Gaps in health services
- How the Tribe could improve the services currently being provided at the Clinic

If you are interested in taking this brief survey, please visit <http://bit.ly/2s0BFiE>. Staff and volunteers from the Tribe's Health and Human Services Department will also be on hand to assist you to fill out the survey on paper at the Powwow on July 1, 2, and 3 as well as at the Tribal Health Fair on July 22. It is critical that Tribal members are engaged in this process and provide their valuable input.

For more information regarding the Self-Governance Initiative please contact Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Tribal Councilwoman, at Cfrye-cromwell@mwtribe.com or at (774) 238-0628

Making the Streets of Cape Cod Phunkee in a Town Near You

The Phunk Hits is a rolling concert series, bringing soul, funk and blues to the streets of Cape Cod during the summer with the music of The GroovaLottos. Dates include: Harwich Port, 7/8; Provincetown, 7/15; Mashpee, 8/1, 8/19 and 8/29; Woods Hole 8/2; Onset Blues Festival, 8/5; WellFleet, 8/11; Orleans 8/12; Dennis Port 8/30. The Phunk Hits is sponsored by The Brewster Cultural Council, Dennis Cultural Council, Harwich Cultural Council, Orleans

Cultural Council, Falmouth Cultural Council, Mashpee Cultural Council, and WellFleet Cultural Council.



News: Mashpee Memorial Auxiliary

The Mashpee Memorial Auxiliary of the Post 5489 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America stood tall on Memorial Day and during the commemoration in town and happy to share the details of the event.

On Monday, May 29th Memorial Day was celebrated at the Mashpee Town Hall due to Rain. The event included an opening prayer by Rev. Heather Bailees Baker and also words from speakers: VFW Post Commander Steven Koglin, Navy Auxiliary President Cherie Peters, Town Manager Rodney Collins and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Chairman Cedric Cromwell.

Following the speakers, all in attendance proceeded to the Veterans' Park where the crowd surrounded the American flagpole where a boy scout was assigned to lay a yellow rose on each plaque dedicated to the fallen heroes. Roses were laid in front of four plaques from the WWII and Korean Wars and five from the Afghanistan/Iraq Wars, including tribal soldier Staff Sgt. Alicia Birchett.

The Mashpee Memorial Auxiliary presented a red, white & blue wreath and a blue wreath was presented by the VFW Post in memory of our Post Commander Rebecca Silva who recently passed away. She was the first woman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Cape and Islands District to hold the position of commander and of the Mashpee VFW Post. Sergeant Silva served in the US Army National Guard for 23 years including a year's deployment to Iraq in 2004.

This is a special time to honor all veterans here and abroad who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom and to protect our way of life. Our tribal men and women who have served in the military since the World War II through the present day combat and non-combat zones. Active or inactive service that are members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe may number in the 80s.

Also, let us not forget our men and women who are coming home to be with their families to reach out and lend a hand to them and to once again live in peace.

Blue Heron Deaths *(Cape Cod Times article continued)*

ing is ongoing, Frye said. There have been no other similar die offs reported among the species elsewhere during the same time period.

Frye is urging tribe members not to eat herring or roe from the herring run until officials are able to determine what's killing the birds – one working theory is that the fish may be causing the birds to die. Anyone who finds a dead heron should not touch it, he said. Anyone who finds a dead heron should call the Mashpee Wampanoag Police Department at 774-361-6045, according to the department's Facebook page.

Wampanoag police are working with the state Environmental Police and the town's Department of Natural Resources to investigate the deaths. The state is also testing the fish, Frye said.

Jonathan L. Atwood, director of bird conservation at the Massachusetts Audubon Society, said his initial reaction to the unusual number of heron deaths was to search for connections with another recent string of bird mortality.

As of earlier this month, some 100 northern gannets have been found washed ashore on South Shore and Cape beaches, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture official's estimate. The birds exhibited neurological symptoms such as being unable to control their body movements and many ended up dying.

But Atwood said a connection seems unlikely – gannets spend most of their lives out at sea and the herring run where the herons were found in Mashpee is several miles



upstream from Popponesset Bay.

"Heron feed in coastal estuaries and virtually never go offshore," Atwood said.

Atwood said he's stumped as to possible causes, but suggested a red tide could be to blame, a theory Frye said officials are considering. Other possibilities, such as birds flying into objects or getting tangled in fishing line, are unlikely.

Great blue herons can be about 4 feet tall, and have long legs and sinuous necks. They use their "straight, daggerlike bills for spearing fish," according to MassAudubon's website.

Great blue herons, which have made a dramatic comeback in recent decades, are protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, according to the website. It is illegal to capture, possess, or cause harm to them or their nests or eggs, according to the website.

- By Chris Lindahl, Cape Cod Times

Wampanoag Indian Museum Calendar



July 10 -14 Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum Summer Day Camp;
registration due by June 26

July 23 Native Artisan Festival
Day of activities 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Community Park

August 7 - 11 Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum Summer Day Camp;
registration due by July 24

October 9 Columbus Day Talk,
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. talk at museum

November 20 - 22 Many Thanksgivings:
temporary exhibit at museum

November 23 - 24 Museum Closed

December 1, 2017 Museum Closes to Public

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

Free Golf Program for Youth at Twin Brooks in July and August

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Youth Department has partnered with the Twin Brooks Golf Course to provide tribal youth in grades 5-7 with a free introduction to golf training program. The free program is a great way for boys and girls to learn and enjoy the game of golf from a PGA professional. Parents and guardians interested in registering a youth should visit the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Youth Department to complete a registration form or call Twin Brooks Golf Course at (508) 862-6980.

The free program will provide on course training that covers the rules of golf, techniques, and life values. Everything that the boys and girls will need for the 2.5-hour training is provided, including clubs, balls, tees, snacks and waters. Also, participants will leave with their own golf shirt and hat

and end the day with a banquet.

Sessions will be held in July and August. July sessions will be held on the following Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:45 to 10:15 a.m. July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and 31. Sessions in August will also be held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:45 to 10:15 a.m. on August 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Twin Brooks is a newly renovated 18 hole public golf course located at the Resort and Conference Center of Hyannis at 35 Scudder Ave. For more information about this free golf program, please contact Youth Programs Director Tracy Kelley at tracy.kelley@mwtribe-NSN.gov or stop by the office to complete a registration form. Registration is limited and on a first come first served basis.

Community Development Corporation to Host Community Meeting on July 20

The Mashpee Wampanoag Community Development Corporation (MWCDC) will host a community meeting on Thursday, July 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center in Mashpee. The meeting, which will provide the tribal citizens with an overview of the MWCDC and its goals.

President of the MWCDC Mark Harding sees this as an opportunity to not only educate the Tribe on the work they've done but also to gain valuable input from the community on the direction of the corporation. "We all have an interest in the achievements of our CDC," said Mark. "Other Tribes around Indian Country are having a tremendous amount of success generating revenue, jobs, resources and housing through community development corporations, just like ours. We've got a great opportunity to build a successful portfolio of businesses, but to get this off the ground we're going to need input from the community...it's one of the reasons we'll be holding these community meetings."



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

According to the MWCDC bylaws the Corporation will hold at least two meetings annually open to the tribal community to gather input and feedback.

The MWCDC Board of Directors includes President Mark Harding, Vice President Tara Collier, Treasurer Nancy Rose, Secretary Steven Peters, Talia Landry, Winnie Johnson-Graham, Angela Shwom, Stephanie Sfiridis and Morgan Peters. The Corporation was organized to engage in activities that will promote the social welfare, economic security and community development of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and its enrolled citizens that will enable the Tribe to be self-sufficient and to provide economic support for its tribal citizens.

Applying for Education Scholarships

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department is pleased to share the scholarship application dates for the fall school semester. Applications for the fall semester will be available from June 15, 2017 thru September 15, 2017. Applications will be available on the start date of availability and students are encouraged to submit their completed applications as soon as possible.

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe scholarship applications will be available on the Tribe's website www.mashpeewampanoagtribe-nsn.gov on the Education Department page. You may also pick up a hard copy of the application in the lobby of the Tribal Community and Government Center. Completed applications must be mailed to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 or hand delivered. Applications must be received or postmarked by September 15, 2017. Faxed applications will no longer be accepted.

Please remember to complete all fields in the application, as incomplete applications will not receive funding. Also, all documents must be submitted together. For more information, please contact Anne Foxx in the Education Department at (508) 477-0208 ext 151 or at anne.foxx@mwtribe-nsn.gov.

Savannah Maher Graduates from Dartmouth

When Savannah Maher graduated from Dartmouth College on June 12 she wasn't just achieving a personal milestone and making her parents and family proud, she was fulfilling a dream expressed by her great-grandfather nearly 80 years ago.

In 1938 Mashpee Wampanoag leader Steven A. Peters petitioned the college to honor its commitment to Native students and to also begin accepting women. Founded in 1769 with a charter mission to educate Native Americans, Mr. Peters, then chairman of the Mashpee Board of Selectmen, accused the all male Ivy League college of ignoring its promise for nearly 200 years and failing to progress to admit women. In fact only a handful of Native students had graduated from the school that had never admitted women.

Mr. Peters said he and his wife wanted Dartmouth College to "consider their application to enroll Amelia, 15, and Steven Jr., 13, high ranking Mashpee scholars."

The request documented in a Boston Globe article published on March 16, 1938 was at least three decades ahead of its time. It would be 34 years before women were admitted to Dartmouth in the fall of



1972. In the 1970s the school also became more responsible with regard to its charter by recruiting Native students and abandoning an offensive Indian mascot.

While it was too late for his children, Mr. Peters would certainly have been proud to know that his great-granddaughter Savannah, daughter of Paula Peters and Peter Maher, became the first member of his clan, and the third Mashpee Wampanoag to become a Dartmouth graduate. Savannah followed two other Mashpee Wampanoag women, Fawn Allison Mills-Brown and Fawn's cousin Mishanagqus Mills.

Today Dartmouth College actively pursues qualified Native students to fulfill the school's founding charter. The incoming class of 2021 includes 53 Native students.

Mukayuhsak Weekuw Fall Enrollment

Parents and families interested in enrolling students in the Mukayuhsak Weekuw (The Children's House) preschool for the 2017-18 Academic Year can access a pre-enrollment form at wlrp.org to be included in the July 24 lottery for available classroom slots.

Students should be approaching 2 years and 9 months in age by September 8. In addition to paying a monthly activities fee, families commit to attending weekly language classes, volunteering for parent committee service, and to supporting the Mukayuhsak Weekuw weekly snack and lunch schedule.

Questions? Contact Language Department Director Jennifer Weston at jweston@wlrp.org or at 508.477.0208 ext. 168



TAP Summary of Goals, Strategies and Impacts

From the 2015 Community Wellness Input Session, the Tribal Coordinating Committee was given 5 goals that the community would like us to focus on for the next 5- years. Below is a summary of the goals, strategies and impacts.

Goal 1: Ongoing wellness & healing for all tribal citizens

Strategy: Annual events and programing that brings, awareness, education and healing opportunities including cultural, wellness, medical, dental and social for all Tribal Citizens

Immediate Output: Increase the Community readiness for wellness

Short-Term outcomes: Increase of participants within the Mashpee Wampanoag community in prevention activities

Goal 2: Expand Youth and Families Prevention and Intervention Services

Strategy: Development of Youth Center, expand collaborative stakeholders, support cultural and traditional healing.

Immediate Output: Raise community awareness of challenges and increase youth prevention services; specifically by providing after school programing, and building up cultural programing.

Short-Term Outcomes: Building up capacity

around youth prevention, intervention and treatment programing that will provide for peer to peer support, healthy life development and positive leadership capabilities.

Goal 3: Economic development for prevention and wellness for all phases of life development

Strategy: Supporting tribal enterprises, increase support for financial literacy and promote self-sufficiency.

Immediate Output: Increase growth ask employment of tribal citizens and target funding streams for workforce development and small business growth.

Short-Term outcomes: Strengthening the Tribal Employment Rights Office and Workforce Investment Act Department to expand in encouraging Tribal enterprises that will help bring wellness into our community.

Goal 4: Inter-governmental collaboration across, prevention systems, with transparent community engagement

Strategy: Supporting the Mashpee Wampanoag Administration team and Tribal council in creating internal and external communication avenues around social programing

Immediate Output: Creating better internal systems of communication

Short-Term outcomes: Increase Tribal mem-



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bers, employees, outsiders stake older awareness of our Tribal prevention systems

Goal 5: Development of affordable housing home ownership assistance and the development of "wellness start in the home initiative"

Strategy: Create partnership with Housing department for the creation of affordable housing and supportive services for wellness in all tribal homes.

Immediate Output: Increase family preservation through building traditional healthy family relationships

Short-Term outcomes: Family and individual plans for trial assistance residency to increase wellness health relationships and self-sustainability.

Long-term Outcomes: Healthy and well Mashpee Wampanoag Community. A reduction of risky behavior such as substance abuse, violence and incarceration.

TAP Coordinating Rides to Recovery Meetings

If you are a person in recovery and willing to provide a safe ride to the meeting you attend please contact Tracy Kelley at (508) 477-0208 ext. 150. Your phone number and the town

where your meeting is located will be listed in the Mittark monthly, but not your name. Kutâputush!



DEPARTMENTS



Chronic Disease Self-Management Program

Indian Health Services (IHS) and Tribal Health kicked off a six-week chronic disease self-management program on June 27. The program is for any tribal citizens with any chronic health conditions or tribal citizens who care for a loved one with a chronic health condition. Nupumôtam8ôk ... Nuneetushkuheut8ôk My Life ... My Health is being held Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to Noon at the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit located behind the Tribe's Community and Government Center.

Nupumôtam8ôk...Nune-

tushkuheut8ôk is a six-week program that focuses on building your skills so you can manage your chronic conditions. Attendees will learn about ways to improve management of a chronic condition, coping strategies, how to improve overall health and quality of life while providing overall techniques that will empower you to manage your own health.

This program is being presented through a collaboration between IHS and Tribal Health. For more information, please call the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit at (508) 477-6967



Tribal Health Fair Bringing Awareness to Mental Health on July 22

The 8th Annual Tribal Health Fair will be held on Saturday, July 22 from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center. This year's theme is "Mental Health Awareness." The annual event brings together a wide range of health care organizations from Cape Cod and the surrounding region to share health and prevention tips and services with the community.

The Tribal Health Fair is free and open to the public. The Mashpee Wampanoag Health and Human Services Department sponsor the annual event.

This year all are encouraged to attend and learn about Wampanoag culture and traditions as the Tribe and vendors, including the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI), provide important health care information while promoting and supporting mental health awareness. In addition to providing health care education, the free event will fea-



ture special guest speakers, raffles, door prizes, native food and crafts, Native American drum and dance exhibitions and stress release techniques, activities for children along with much, much more. Please mark your calendar for this important health fair.

For more information, please contact Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health Manager Kimberly Frye at (508) 477-0208 ext 103 or at (774) 238-2129.

Volunteers Needed for Tribal Health Fair

Are you available and willing to volunteer at the 8th Annual Tribal Health and Human Services Fair on Saturday, July 22? If you are interested, please contact Tribal Action Plan Manager Michelle Hughes-Fernandes, MSCed at (508) 477-0208 ext 145 or at michelle.fernandes@mwtribe-NSN.gov. Support from the community is instrumental in the execution of this important event.

Our Children Need You! Foster an ICWA Child



ICWA is currently seeking foster parents. Do you have room in your heart to provide a Native American foster home for our future generations? Our Native children of all ages, from infancy to teens, are being removed from their families at an alarming rate by the Department and Families and are being placed in non-native homes.

ICWA is in high need of stable and nurturing families to care for our children and be reunited with their parents.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming a foster family, emergency placement, and respite care please contact Catherine Hendricks, ICWA Director, at (508) 477-0208 ext 144.

Are you a Veteran?

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Veteran Supportive Services is looking for ways to give back, BUT WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!!

We will be collaborating with the Veterans Outreach Center and want you to share your vision as to how we can help you in your times of need and coordinate services.

Please complete the form below, attach a copy of your DD214, Photo ID, and Social Security Card and send it back to:

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
HHS Veteran Supportive Services
483 Great Neck Road South
Mashpee, MA 02649
Attention: Cassie Jackson

For more information please contact:
Cassie Jackson
Emergency Service Specialist
(508) 477-0208 Ext. 142

Veteran's Support Services Form

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Start Date _____ End Date _____

Rank _____

Branch _____

War _____

Duty Station _____



MWT Emergency Management Department Prepares for Hurricane Season

During the early part of the month of June, Emergency Management Director Nelson Andrews Jr. participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) 2017 Annual Hurricane Season Preparedness call. This call was to test the communications capabilities of every State, Tribe and Territory in the United States in a pre-landfall hurricane scenario.

The FEMA Acting Administrator, the National Hurricane Center and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) led the call. The FEMA Administrator called upon each individual FEMA Regional Administrator which then gave each State, Tribal and Territory's Emergency Management Director some time to brief on the planning and preparedness for their respective communities.

Nelson Andrews Jr. explained the vast improvements in the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Nations' Emergency Preparedness efforts since the last landfall hurricane to affect the Cape Cod area. Nelson went on to brief about the new resources, partnerships, plans in place and incoming grant funding that has



brought the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe closer to being more self-sufficient in all aspects of Emergency Preparedness.

Director Andrews stated that "It's an honor to have been invited to participate in these annual National Preparedness calls for the past three years, these calls give us Tribal Emergency Management Directors a voice for our community to a National audience and help us to realize that we have and deserve a seat at the table alongside each of the State EM Directors."

Emergency Management Conduct Equipment Exercise



This past month the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Emergency Management department conducted its first equipment drill exercise, held in the powwow field outside of the Community and Government Center. The Tribal Emergency Response Task Force (TERTF) - which is comprised of key MWT department directors and personnel whom fill the roles of the Incident Command System (ICS) during Tribal incidents - participated in the drill.

During the exercise drill a newly acquired "Western Shelter" Command Post tent system was assembled in addition to various styles of generators. The TERTF members were able to gain hands on experience and learn the fundamentals of assembling this tent system and also learn overall generator operations.

Emergency Management Director, Nelson Andres Jr. was pleased with the takeaways from the day. "These skills are crucial for this inter-departmental tribal team to all have, as it helps to ensure a constant readiness and the overall preparedness needed for our Tribal community during the event a major hazard or incident," said Nelson. "We will continue to convene, practice and exercise these skills with our task force on a regular basis."

Support for Veterans at Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit - IHS

To help provide the best-coordinated healthcare possible to our Tribal Veterans, the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit located at 483B Great Neck Rd South in Mashpee would like to assist with the VA (Department of Veteran Affairs Health Administration) eligibility process. We are asking all Mashpee Tribal Veterans to contact Suzanne Green our Benefits Coordinator to come and fill out the necessary forms so we can assist in the process. Please bring

your DD214 to the visit. (This communication is for Health Care Services only.) Please call us at (508) 477-6967 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and ask Suzanne to make an appointment, walk-ins are welcome.

Thank-you for your Service.
Rita Gonsalves CEO
Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit

Eagle's Nest: Fly, Great Osprey, Fly

Walking the marsh while the osprey circles high, feathers stretched as the first light shimmers through its beautiful colors. Fly, great osprey, fly. Fly with your keen eyes, as you focus in on the catch. With two screeches, symbolizing a warrior-call. Down, down, down you go. As you prepare your wings and talons for a precise entrance of what is sure to be. Splash as you rise from the depth, shaking yourself off. Up, up, up you go with a victory screech being your own victory song. Showing off the catch for all to

see, thank you for the teachings winged one. As you feed yourself and your family, no one telling you how many you can catch. We too are like the great osprey.

By Medicine Man Guy "Soaring Eagle" Cash



Transportation Report

As required by the Code of Federal Regulations, 25 CFR 170.421 and 170.422, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is required to identify and publish all Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) funded projects and activities that are expected to be carried out over the next four years as well as the projected costs.

Below is the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Fiscal Year 2017-2020 Tribal Transportation Improvement Program.

FY 2017-2020 TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (TTP) CONTROL SCHEDULE

Project Name	Project Estimate	Project Estimate	Project Estimate	Project Estimate
	2017	2018	2019	2020
TTP Planning	\$118,917.34	\$108,917.34	\$108,917.34	\$288,000.00
TTP Road Maintenance	\$118,917.34	\$108,917.34	\$108,917.34	\$268,000.00
2% Planning	\$ 20,543.79	\$ 20,543.79	\$ 20,543.79	\$ 20,543.79
Indian Cemetery Roads BIA Route 6038 Pavement sealing		\$127,476.76		
Tribal Administration Parking, BIA Route 6039 Pavement sealing and restriping		\$ 80,000.00		
Waste Water Parking Lot BIA Route 6042 Design and construction of a new parking lot	\$152,421.36	\$ 82,500.00		
Horse Farm Road BIA Route 0001 Design and construction of a new parking lot	\$431,495.41	\$225,557.28	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Sampson's Mill Road BIA Route 6017 Reconstruction and widening of road			\$334,091.32	\$225,000.00
Old Barnstable Road BIA Route 6031 Safety improvements including sidewalks		\$170,557.28	\$330,000.00	\$112,926.00
Project Subtotals	\$842,295.24	\$924,469.79	\$924,469.79	\$924,469.79

Copies of this report may be obtained at the Tribal Government Center, located at 483 Great Neck Road South in Mashpee, Massachusetts.

Questions or comments should be addressed to Public Works Director Jason Steiding, and mailed to the address listed above. Questions and comments will be accepted through close of business on Friday July 21, 2017.

Opiates - You're like Broken Glass



Opiates, You stole too many brothers,
sisters, son's, daughter's mothers,
fathers, cousins and friends.

Opiates, You, rob and steal human souls,
you're a demon!
Doing the devils work!
You're like broken glass.
We don't want to know you.
People of the First Light say...Stay out of
all communities,
Trees don't like you; the wind, sun, moon
and rainbow's don't like you.
Opiates, you're a disease, filtered with
pain and fear.
Damn, you shattered me like broken
class.
Today it's raining, yesterday the sun was
shining.
Tree frogs were singing
Herring are ruling Mashpee River.
Lucky, they are not addicted!
Opiate addition is like melting snow.
You lose your wisdom, spirit, cultural
identity and family connection.
You are missing the beauty of budding
flowers, flying Hawks and Eagles.
Those who think you need opiates are
wrong. We love you! We want you alive,
not dying.
Please take no more Opiates. We cry. Be
like the herring
You're special. Don't you know that?
My dreams and visions are like good
medicine of the river. Hope and faith can
make change. The goodness of the water
will flow through you and washes your
spirit, mind and soul to good health.
"Every loss leaves a space that can be
filled with Gods presence."
Our ancestors saved us, you can be saved
too.

By Aunty Joan; Granny Squannit; Dear
Clan Mother

12 Step Meetings at the Old Indian Meeting House

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Health and Human Service Department Substance Abuse Program will begin facilitating the White Bison Red Road to Wellbriety 12 Step Meetings. The 12 Step Meetings will be held on Thursdays beginning on July 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Old Indian Meeting House (410 Meetinghouse Road, Mashpee).

What does the Red Road to Wellbri-

ety mean? It's a journey of hope and healing for Native Americans seeking recovery from addiction along with teachings that provide specific words of learning pertaining to the "mind changers" (alcohol and drugs) as they affect our Native people.

For more information about the 12 Step Meetings, please contact Gail Costa at (774) 228-3268 or Stephanie Tobey-Roderick at (774) 228-3334.



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Powwow Princess and Little Miss Wampanoag Crowned at Powwow



Closing out the final day of the 96th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow the Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow Princess and Little Miss Wampanoag Crowns were passed on. This year Chenoa Peters was named the 2017 Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow Princess and Paris Hendricks was named 2017 Little Miss Wampanoag. Photos from the ceremony are above and to the side.



Additional photos, lists of all powwow winners and other post powwow details will be included in the August Mittark.