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Chairman's Column



Dear Tribal Community,

This month I was conferred an Honorary Juris Doctorate Of Laws Degree from Suffolk University Law School. I am excited and grateful to have received such an outstanding honor.

I would like to thank Suffolk University, Chairman Meyer and members of the Suffolk University Board of Trustees, President McCarthy, Dean Nelson, faculty and staff for inviting me to speak and receive this award.

I would also like to acknowledge my family: my wife, children and mother. This is a very special honor and it would not be possible if it were not for my family. I would like to take a moment and give a special thanks to my mother.

My mother has had a huge influence on my life. And I most likely would not be here today, but for her. Throughout my life, she was determined that I have a good education, that I knew my roots, that experienced and embraced by my strong Wampanoag culture.

As a child, I grew up in two places: in Dorchester, and among my Tribal family in Mashpee. My mother always made sure that I was always in Mashpee over the weekends, at my Great Grand mother's house, and at all of my great aunts houses, tribal meetings, Tribal functions and annual Tribal Pow-Wow. It was in Dorchester, where I learned the value of education at an early age.

With the Boston busing crisis swirling around me, my mother encouraged me to remain focused on my education and Mashpee Wampanoag Culture, despite witnessing violence daily as my brother and I made our way

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Casino Developer Drops Suit Over Tribal Preference in Southeast Section

A developer seeking to build a resort casino in New Bedford has ended its legal challenge to a portion of the state's casino gambling law that gave initial preference to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in court documents Friday that an appeal by KG Urban Enterprises had been voluntarily dismissed.

The company filed a federal lawsuit against the state immediately after passage of the 2011 law that allowed for up to three regional resort casinos in Massachusetts, along with one slots parlor. The suit challenged the constitutionality of a provision that had the effect of giving the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe temporary exclusivity in the southeast region, saying that discriminated against potential commercial developers.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission voted in 2013 to begin accepting

casino applications from commercial developers in the region, while continuing to monitor the tribe's efforts to win federal approval for its proposed resort casino in Taunton. Lawyers for the state argued that the panel's vote made the lawsuit moot because KG Urban and other developers were no longer barred from applying for casino licenses.

KG Urban disagreed, noting that the commission had still not guaranteed that commercial applicants in the southeast would be given the same consideration as those in the two other regions designated under the law.

U.S. District Court Judge Nathaniel Gorton threw out the lawsuit in January, but the company appealed.

According to KG Urban the decision to end the legal challenge stemmed from ongoing conversations with the gambling commission and negotiations with New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell.

Native Tribal Scholars Summer Program

Native Tribal Scholars (NTS) is now accepting applications for our NTS Summer Program 2014. This year NTS is proud to be returning the Summer Residential Program to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst campus. The dates of the program are July 7th to August 15th with the students going home on Friday afternoons and returning to UMass Amherst on Sunday nights. If you are interested in participating

in this program, please submit your application before Friday, June 13th, 2014.

There is no cost to participate in this program, but the student must plan to attend college in the future.

Please contact Jamie Morrison at jmorrison@mwtribe.com or Warren Griffin at wgriffin@mwtribe.com if you have any questions.



Events Calendar

New Events

June 8 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting,
Tribal Community and Government Center

June 14 - 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Graduate Brunch,
Tribal Community and Government Center

June 14 - 12:00 p.m.

Youth Sobriety Powwow,
Tribal Community and Government Center

June 21 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Strawberry Thanksgiving,
Mashpee Wampanoag Museum

June 27 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

5th Annual Quahog Day, Powwow Grounds at
Tribal Community and Government Center

June 28 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All Things Quahogs,
Mashpee Wampanoag Museum

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

Weekly Events

Mondays - 5:30 p.m.

Recovery Group, Old Indian Burial Grounds

Mondays - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

NEW Tribal Health Dance Fitness Latin Style,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m.

Enrollment Committee,
Tribal Community and Government Center

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

NEW Women's Round Dance Aerobics,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Wednesdays - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. &

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

NEW Tribal Health Yoga,
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.

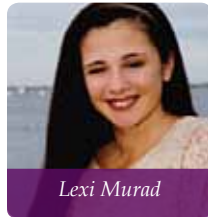
Chiefs Circle, Old Indian Meeting House
It is held the first Tuesday of the month.

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.

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



Tribal Announcements



Lexi Murad

» Congratulations to **Lexi Murad**, daughter of Michele Forrester, on her high school graduation. She will be attending Suffolk University in the fall to study Historical Preservation.



Leonard Pocknett

» Congratulations to **Leonard "Iron Tree" Pocknett**. Leonard is a Mashpee Wampanoag tribal member and Native Veteran, presently employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery in Bourne. At a presentation held at the administrative offices, he celebrated a total of forty (40) years of government service and was recognized and awarded with an engraved plaque, silver clock and diamond-studded pin.



Rachael Fermino

» Congratulations to **Rachael Fermino** who graduated with a B.S. in Counseling Psychology from Lesley University. She was recently employed by a nonprofit called Youth Villages which has campuses all across the country that house children and teens working on various issues. "Now that I've completed my Bachelor's, I'd definitely like to take some time off of school to get more experience in the field and think about what I want to do as far as graduate school is concerned. At the moment, I am leaning toward getting my Master's as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor or a Master's in Social Work. I am still pretty undecided though; right now I am really just focused on giving all of my time and effort to this new job while also trying to gain my life back now that I'm no longer a student!" said Fermino.



Stephanie Sfiridis

» Tribal Member **Stephanie Sfiridis** was accepted to Arizona State University School of Law to study in the Indian Legal Program. She will be attending full-time this fall. Congratulations Stephanie!

5th Annual Quahog Day Rescheduled

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe invites all Wampanoag youth and their families to attend the 5th Annual Quahog Day. The annual event will be held on Friday, June 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The day will begin at the Tribal Community and Government Center Powwow Grounds.

Join us as we gather for a day of quahog and shell fishing with tribal youth and their families. Bring fishing boots, baskets, rakes, extra clothing to change into,

and any other fishing gear you'd like to use. A family cook-out will be held at the Powwow Grounds after fishing. Adult volunteers are needed and parents are encouraged to attend with their kids to help supervise. The event is sponsored by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Natural Resources Department.

For more information please contact the Natural Resources Department at (508) 477-0208.

Special Visit

On May 15th Under Secretary Patrice Kunesh from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) met with our Chairman, Vice Chairwoman and Tribal Council members along with Tribal Elder's Judiciary members, Tribal Administrator and Department Directors at the Tribal Community and Government Center.

They had an informative discussion on possibility of future USDA funding opportunities with the MWT and remarked that the unique financial structure of the partnership between the MWT and USDA is what sets the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe apart from any other Native American tribe that the USDA provides funding to. Kunesh considers the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe the "trailblazing, pioneer" in terms of an agency relationship certainly on the east coast and perhaps even nation-wide.

Jennifer Lerch, Jay Healy and Tom McGarr all from the USDA local regional offices were on hand as well and expressed enthusiasm for future project endeavors with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.



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to school and home every day. Thankfully, my mother, my father and great-grandmother were strong and positive influences at a time when cultural differences were more likely to spark disputes rather than discussions.

But it wasn't only in Boston that I experienced and witnessed the cultural divide. It was during my formative years that Mashpee was evolving from an "Indian" town to a growing Cape suburb and tourist town that became "gentrified" with the influx of new residents. This led to it's own set of tensions and challenges for my people.

During the 1970's Mashpee Land Claim's settlement case, I vividly remember being with my mother, who wore traditional tribal clothing, and witnessing prejudice in action as she was taunted for "being Mashpee Wampanoag" while she crossed a street in the town of her birth -- a town and region inhabited by our Tribal ancestors for twelve thousand years. But throughout those years, my family instilled in me the importance of patience, of understanding, and leadership.

My mother was secretary of the Tribal Council for over 35 years and I can still remember, as a child, sitting on her lap through many Council meetings. She always said to me that I would lead our Tribe someday and go to Washington DC to work on Tribal issues for the betterment of my people. It was not so much her crystal ball that was so impressive, it was the fact that she believed in me, her faith in me was

unshaken and she knew that I had something to give; and that some day, I could make a difference to my tribe.

Her faith and encouragement led me to run for Tribal Council, where I began serving in 2000 and was elected Chairman in 2009. I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, because it gives me the opportunity to help make life better for our community.

Education is such a key component in advancing our community and future generations. I am proud of the continued efforts we make together to send our younger tribal youth to college and beyond.

This year, our Tribal Graduate Brunch will be held on June 14th. I hope to see many of you there. The Youth Sobriety Powwow, another important event, will be held on the same day. Please continue to check out our calendar of events to stay up to date on the latest events.

I wake up each morning looking forward to the day ahead, to see what is next for our community. We are moving forward in a positive direction and working together to achieve our goals. I am proud and honored to be your Chairman!

Kutâputunumuw;

Cedric Cromwell, Qaqeemasq
(Running Bear)

Food Pantry Opening June 10

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Elder's Department are pleased to announce that the food pantry will be re-opening on Tuesday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Registration can be completed prior to opening and returned to Joanne Frye in the Elder's Department, or during your first visit.

The entrance to the Food Pantry is at the rear of the Tribal Community and Government Center. The pantry will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Joanne at (508) 477-0208 x 182 or email jfrye@mwt.com.

Museum Events

The Mashpee Wampanoag Museum will be hosting several events in the month of June including a Strawberry Thanksgiving festival on June 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and an interactive demonstration called All Things Quahogs on June 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Strawberry Thanksgiving is a celebration to give thanks to the season's first fruit. Join the museum for a day filled with food and craft vendors, traditional cooking demonstration, corn husk doll demonstration, native games, and singing and dancing.

On June 28 Come and learn about the quahog - a versatile hard shell clam - and why we love it so much! Sample a cup of paqahâakee sâpâheek, make a rattle made from the shell. Wampanoag traditional artist Darrel Wixon demonstrates wampum making with a hand crafted pump drill, try your hand drilling a hole in a piece of wampum.

Youth Powwow



The 2014 Youth Sobriety Powwow is being held on Saturday, June 14 immediately following the graduate brunch in the Tribal Community and Government Center. The doors will open at Noon and grand entry will be at 1:00 p.m.

Our youth have worked very hard to put together another wonderful powwow and they look forward to seeing you in attendance.

Chairman Cromwell Receives Honorary Degree

Cedric Cromwell, chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, received an honorary doctor of law degree at the May 17 commencement for Suffolk University Law School at the Wang Center.

"From the first day I was informed to now, I'm so excited and happy. I'm floored by this," Cromwell said. "I'm excited for my Tribe. It's really a reflection of our Tribe. Education is first and foremost in our tribal nation. It sends a message to our young people that anything is possible."

Cromwell, who earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Massachusetts Boston and an associate degree from Roxbury Community College, was joined on stage by U.S. Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who was also honored, and Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, who was the keynote speaker.

The Tribe and the law school have developed a relationship in recent years.



Suffolk Law School has provided some assistance in helping to develop the Tribe's court system, and there is an Indian Law and Indigenous Peoples Clinic at the college.

"It's really a reflection of our Tribe. Education is first and foremost in our tribal nation"

- Chairman Cedric Cromwell

"We are very pleased to have recognized Chairman Cedric Cromwell with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at our 2014 commencement ceremony," said Suffolk Law Dean Camille A. Nelson. "He has been engaged in tireless advocacy efforts on important Native American issues, includ-

ing measures to improve the education of native children and to provide equal federal treatment of all Indian tribes. As a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and particularly during his term as Chairman, Cromwell has focused on increasing economic development opportunities for his Tribe, a personal passion of his that resonates with the Suffolk Law mission."



To see a video of Chairman Cromwell's Commencement Dinner remarks visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=fejvOqkoCro. To view Chairman Cromwell being conferred the Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=k10FZKfsbag.

Vice Chairwoman Baird Receives Sunrise Award

Vice Chairwoman Jessie "Little Doe" Baird was a recipient of the 2014 Community Volunteer Award on Saturday, May 3 at the Rotary District 7950 Conference's Community Volunteer Award Lunch. The Rotary Club of Barnstable Sunrise presented the award to Baird at a ceremony at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in Falmouth.

Baird, who is the Vice Chairwoman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, was given the award in recognition of her years of dedication to the reclamation of the Wampanoag language. In 1993 Baird co-founded the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project and has since worked tirelessly on behalf of her people to bring back a language that had not been spoken for six generations. The award read:

"In recognition of: Jessie Little Doe Baird is honored for her tireless efforts over the past 20 years to reclaim the Wampanoag language and culture, and to inspire a



generation of Wampanoag youth to learn about their history, heritage and culture through their language."

The award was presented by Rotary Club of Barnstable Sunrise President Steve Brown.

Baird is also the director of 'Pâhshaneekamuq', a public charter immersion school planning project. She lives in Mashpee and Aquinnah with her husband, Jason Baird, the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe Medicine Man.

Youth Awards

In addition to the good music, food and dancing at this year's Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Ball held on April 26 at the Navigator in East Falmouth a group of young adults received awards for serving as a positive example for their peers. The annual ball was hosted by Powwow Princess Danna Jackson and award winners included:

Tribal Youth Leadership Award:
Keturah Peters
Joey Spinola

Youth Leadership Award:
Scotty Reels (*Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe*)
Shaquanna Sebastian (*Mashantucket Pequot Tribe*)

Dream Big Award:
Autumn Jackson
Christopher Morris

Sportsmanship Award:
Brenda Price
Robbie Hendricks



Mwalim Earns "Best Male Jazz" Award

Hibernian Hall in Roxbury erupted with applause as Mwalim DaPhunkee Professor (tribal member Morgan James Peters) took to the stage April 27th to accept his "best male jazz" award at the 9th Urban Music Awards, followed by a performance of his international hit song, "Just Is" for an enthusiastic audience of more than 200 people.

Mwalim previously won in the same category in 2010 and 2012. This year's competition was particularly stiff, with regional jazz festival favorites Elan Troutman, Walter Beasley and Andre Ward as nominees in the same category.

Mwalim's latest album, "Awakened by a Noon Day Sun" (LMMGM/ Spirit Wind Records, 2014) has been attracting the attention of jazz as well as Native American radio stations and formatted shows with his signature "NDN Jazz" style. Mwalim points to the melodic structure and style of Eastern Native American songs as a significant influence on his songwriting and composition. He is a tenured professor of English and the director of black studies at UMass Dartmouth as well as a multi-award-winning playwright.

The ceremony was packed with a who's who of New England's urban music professionals: musicians, singers, producers, promoters, and radio personalities drawn from Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire,

Vermont, Maine and Massachusetts.

The general public casts ballots online for qualifying nominees. According to New England Urban Music Award officials, this year's award drew votes from around the world, including Indonesia, Japan, Germany, Nigeria, Senegal, the United Kingdom and the West Indies.

"The New England Urban Music Awards is an opportunity to experience the vast musical talent the region has to offer. Artists are tapping into their greatness. The artists are empowering and the music showcases talent that the audience will appreciate. The program is where we get to inspire and highlight artists from New England and beyond," said The New England Urban Music Awards founder Charles Clemmons.



Health Insurance

Coverage in Commonwealth Care and Network Health Extend offered to former Medical Security Plan members and Temporary Coverage is extended through June 30, 2014. An extension beyond June 30th, possibly extending to September 30, 2014

Health insurance applications are available here at Tribal Health office, when you come in to apply please bring the following: Tribal I.D, Verification of income, (Non-Tribal need to bring Birth Certificate)

American Indian/Alaska Native Exemption

Applications for American Indian/Alaska Native exemption are available here at tribal health. Use this application to apply for an exemption from the shared responsibility payment. Starting in 2014, every person needs to have health coverage or make a payment on their federal income tax return called the "shared responsibility payment"

You don't need to fill out an exemption if you're not going to file a federal income tax return because your income is below the filing threshold.

3rd Annual Graduation Brunch

The Education Department is sponsoring our third annual Graduation Brunch at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Community and Government Center on Saturday, June 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The annual brunch is put on to celebrate the achievements of our high school and college graduates.

This event is open to all graduating students and their direct family members (high school, GED programs, and College). To attend, you must RSVP prior to the brunch by calling the Education Department at (508) 477-0208 x 151 or by sending an email to education@mwtribe.com with your name and the names of your family members that will be attending.

93RD ANNUAL MASHPEE WAMPANOAG POWWOW

JULY 4-6 2014

BARNSTABLE COUNTY
FAIR GROUNDS
1220 NATHAN ELLIS HIGHWAY, EAST FALMOUTH





ICWA Events and Programs

The ICWA department is still in need of Foster Homes and Emergency placement homes! If you are interested in qualifying please contact the Director on (508) 477-0208 extension 144. The staff can arrange MAPP (Mass Approach to Partnership and Parenting) training classes which are a series of four sessions totaling 30 hours. This training is provided by the (DCF) Department of Child and Family Services and training gives our MWT ICWA department instructions on how to approve or okay homes for emergency foster child care and is an achievement that the community shall be thankful for.

The need never goes away and emergencies never go away for the ICWA Department. In the last three months the MWT employees have spontaneously and generously provided an emergency food drive to assist. If you can help support us until our Food Pantry

and Emergency processes are in place within it your contributions would be greatly appreciated. Please drop donations off at the Community Center attention ICWA. Food in cans, baby and children's cereal, toiletries, laundry and dish detergents, paper goods, diapers, baby food, juice boxes, water, frozen meats, child type snacks or anything you want would be great. We welcome all assistance.

On May 7th the ICWA Department provided a second training on the Indian Child Welfare Act for the Worcester County Court systems. The attendees again were Judges and Attorneys equaling 60 plus people the session also included 3 Aquinnah tribal members and the Mashpee Tribal Enrollment Director. This exercise is big step in getting the Massachusetts Courts and other Human Service providers up to date with the Indian Country in their back yard.

Department Updates

Elders Services Events and Programs

The greatly anticipated opening of the Tribal Food Pantry is delayed until a position is filled to man the pantry. The announcement of the opening and schedule will be forth coming, if you are interested in the position apply at the Community Center.

Enrollment Programs

For Tribal ID's please call to make an appointment. Any enrolled member of any age can get an ID for \$15 cash ONLY, if you are over the age of 55 there is no fee charged. We do not provide spousal ID's. The ID can save you time when applying for tribal services, attending Council meetings and even getting in the Pow wow for free.

Health Services

Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit is expanding our services; we now provide a weekend and after hour call service, a licensed Nurse is available by phone. You may call our toll free number 855-216-3638 after-hours and weekends for medical needs. The on call nurse will direct you to the appropriate care and fully document the encounter for the Service Unit. The encounter will be reviewed on the next business day. This service does not take the place of 911 for Emergencies. Please call 911 in the event of an emergency. This service is to assist with after hour non-emergency needs.

Tribal Care Givers Program

Tribal Health is seeking summer and year-round volunteers to join our Tribal Caregivers Program. Duties include assistance with activities/daily needs, companionship, running errands, cleaning, laundry, shopping, and transportation to medical appointments.

If you are a tribal member and are currently assisting with the care of a family member, we would love for you to join our team. The caregiver program offers workshops on various topics in supporting the caregiver and offers a stipend to assist with gas to get to the homes.

Care giving, along with its many rewards, brings long hours and many responsibilities, however, is truly the most appreciated and fulfilling support service we offer to our

members in need.

To celebrate our one-year anniversary of the program and to express our appreciation, we will be hosting a Tribal Caregiver Appreciation luncheon for all Tribal caregivers. The luncheon will take place at our New Government Center on Thursday, July 17th, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming part of our innovative team caring for our members or would like to attend the luncheon, please call Wendy Pocknett at Tribal Health Department. 508-477-0208 ext. 166.

Health Care Giver Program will be honoring our Care Givers.

2014 Tribal Youth at Prom



Stay Fit with Several New Exercise Classes

Stay fit or get in shape this summer with several new exercise classes that are being held at the new Tribal Community and Government Center. Classes include a Women's Round Dance Aerobics Class, Yoga and Latin Fitness Dance. All of these classes are fun and provide a supportive group to keep you motivated. All are welcome to join. Below are more details on the classes.



Women's Round Dance Aerobics

When: Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Where: Tribal Community and Government Center

Start your day to the beat of the drum and join other tribal members for a fun aerobic activity. Learn traditional round dance steps and work in teams to develop synchronized routines in time for powwow!

Bring your fancy shawls as those steps may also be integrated into the program if there is enough interest and energy.

No sign up just show up!

Tribal Health Dance Fitness Latin Style

When: Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Tribal Community and Government Center

Getting fit doesn't have to feel like

work, no matter what your age or fitness level, you can have a great time while dancing your way into great shape. For more info call Tribal Health at (508) 477-0208 and ask for Kim or Wendy.

Tribal Health Yoga

When: Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Tribal Community and Government Center

Yoga can help undo the physical and mental effects of tension by dissolving anxiety, improving quality of sleep and reveal clarity of thought. When you release mental pressure, you simultaneously relieve tightness in your muscles and joints. For more info call Tribal Health at (508) 477-0208 and ask for Kim or Wendy.

WLRP Announces Class Schedule and Events

In addition to the Summer Turtle Program being held July 14 - August 1 (more details on page 8), the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) has announced new summer classes and events. All enrolled members of the Assonet, Aquinnah, Herring Pond, and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribes are eligible to attend. Household members are also welcome!

Beginner Workbook Class

When: Mondays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Beginning June 2, 2014

Where: Dudley Branch Library, 65 Warren Street, Roxbury MA

Instructor: Siobhan Brown

(sbrown@wlrp.org) (508) 477-0208 x 176

All ages are welcome to this Beginner Workbook class which will introduce students to the Wôpanâak alphabet and basic vocabulary. Please contact the instructor with any questions. Registration will take place at the first class. We hope to see you there!

Prerequisites: No previous classes required.

Beginner Immersion Class

When: Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

June 3 - July 22

Where: Language Department, 483 Great Neck Rd. S., Mashpee, MA

Instructor: Tia Pocknett

(tpocknett@wlrp.org) (508) 477-0208 x 176

Not into workbooks? In this class you will learn to introduce yourself, talk about weather, discuss emotions, and family relations. All ages are welcome. This class is a No English class, but don't worry, you won't need English for this class. Registration will be during the first class. If for some reason you can't attend the first session, please contact the instructor. Hope to see you there!

Prerequisites: No previous classes required.

Elders & Adults Language Class (Slow pace learning)

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Beginning June 11

Where: Language Department, 483 Great Neck Rd. S., Mashpee, MA

Instructor: Tracy Kelley

(tkwamp@gmail.com) 508-477-0208 x 176

Learn verbs using nouns, numbers and colors (animates and inanimates) Registration will take place at the first class.

Prerequisite: Students must have taken Beginner Workbook to attend this class

Immersion Pot Luck

When: Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

July 9 - August 27

Where: Nitana's house, 47 Orchard Rd., Mashpee, MA (nitanahicks@gmail.com)

Bring a dish for dinner and speak Wôpanâak. No formal instruction, just language immersion and good company for all levels.

Family Game Night

When: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

July 10 - August 28

Where: Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Offices, 1913 Purchase St., New Bedford, MA

Instructor: Melanie Roderick

(melanie.roderick@gmail.com)

Looking to do something that is fun with your family on a Thursday night? How about learning how to play "Go Fish" and "Uno" in Wôp? All ages are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Language and Drumming Circle

When: Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

May 15 - June 19

Where: Mashpee Wampanoag Museum, 411 Rte. 130 Mashpee

Have fun while learning Wôpanâak language, songs and games. For more information, call the Museum at (508) 477-9339 or visit WLRP online at www.wlrp.org or call (508) 477-0208 x168

WLRP is also looking for families to host youth from Aquinnah or other Tribal Households not local to Mashpee. Visit www.wlrp.org for an application or call (508) 477-0208 ext.168 for more information. Applications may also be picked up in the Language Department daily from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and must be postmarked no later than June 30.





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WLRP Summer Turtle Program

Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) is accepting applications for the July 14 - August 1 Summer Turtle Program for 35 youth ages 5-12. The program will be held at Maushop Farm 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon - Fri, and costs \$35/week. Participants must register for the full three weeks, and scholarships are available. WLRP is also looking for families to host youth from Aquinnah or other Tribal Households not local to Mashpee. Visit wlrp.org for an application or call 508.477.0208 x168 for more information.

Applications may also be picked up in the Language Dept. daily from 8:30am - 3:30 p.m., and must be postmarked no later than June 30th. This year's program is generously supported by contributions and grants from Bay & Paul Foundation, Cape Cod 5 Foundation, Fidelity, H. Litoff, and Nike N7 Fund. WLRP would like to thank our Business Manager Judi Urquhart for her superior fundraising and grant writing efforts to support the Summer Turtle Program.



Financial Education

Wraparound services was created to help our tribal families help themselves as we are faced with emergency situations. The process strongly promotes self-sufficiency, responsibility, and accountability of one's life, we would like to encourage all interested tribal members to take part in a monthly Adult Financial Education class hosted by TD Bank. Classes will begin in June go through December and be administered the second Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

Topics include:

- ✓ Banking for your lifestyle
- ✓ Breaking the paycheck to paycheck cycle
- ✓ Build & maintain great credit
- ✓ Protecting your identity
- ✓ Home buying made simple
- ✓ First time home buyer
- ✓ Small business