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## Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutawâm (Greetings to my Tribal Community),

This is a beautiful time for our people. I am so proud of our Tribe and the positive momentum we are displaying in all aspects of our Tribal life. We are pursuing our goals and making progress toward a very bright future for our Tribal family, and I'd like to thank everyone who has been a part of our success. In particular, there have been many very successful events for our Tribe recently that deserve recognition.

Our Annual Ball was a fantastic celebration with Tribal members coming together from near and far to celebrate our Wampanoag Women. A record amount of tickets were sold, as well as a record number of sponsored tables. I give thanks to our Ball Committee for producing such a special event. We should all be proud of their work for our Tribe. The Ball Committee includes Suzette Spinola – Chairwoman, Winona Pocknett, Kristine Foster, Marita Scott, Diane Johnson, Barbara Jonas, Keisha Peters, Rebecca Oakley, Bobby Foster,

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## Tribal Members Complete Fiber Optics Training

**T**he WIA Department reports that eleven Tribal members completed a six-day fiber optics boot camp. They are now certified as fiber optics technicians, testing specialists, and splicing specialists.

The fellowship amongst the participants was evident as Tribal members from Mashpee, Falmouth, Yarmouth, and Bourne got to know one another and support each other throughout the week. WIA Director Yvonne Tobey said that she enjoyed watching their level of confidence grow daily. She also wanted to extend her thanks to the Tribal Council for supporting the work of the WIA Department.

Members of the training class expressed that it was a great opportunity. Here are just a few of the comments.

*This training class in Fiber Optics was very helpful and useful for the positions I'm trying to move towards. I would like to thank the Tribe for giving me the excellent opportunity and I believe we were given excellent instruction.*

– Daryl Green

*I appreciate the help from the Tribe.*



*This was a great experience and I learned more than I thought I would. Yvonne is a major help and Yvonne and the instructor are very good people and teachers. Thank you.*

– Ervin Edwards

## Wamp New Year Celebration



The Old Indian Meeting House Committee will be hosting a Wampanoag New Year Celebration. The celebration will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Indian Meeting House. This year's theme is "a Symbol of New Beginnings." There will be drumming, singing, dancing and a potluck luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish. The committee has also requested that Tribal members wear traditional regalia.



## Calendar of Events

### Weekly Events

#### **Mondays - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Alcoholics Anonymous, *Maushop Farm, 213 Sampson Mill Rd.*

#### **Mondays - 5:30 p.m.**

Youth Cultural Night, *Mashpee Rod and Gun Club*

#### **Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m.**

Noun Possession Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.**

Beginner Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m.**

Prayer, *Old Indian Meeting House*

#### **Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Youth Cultural Night, *Rod and Gun Club*

#### **Fridays - 6:00 p.m.**

Transitive Inanimate Verb Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **Fridays - 7:00 p.m.**

Youth Ministry, *Mashpee Baptist Church*

#### **Sundays - 6:30 p.m.**

Evening Worship, *Old Indian Meeting House*

#### **Biweekly - 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.**

Mashpee Food Pantry, *The food pantry is held on Monday and Wednesday every other week*

#### **Biweekly - 10:30 a.m to 2:30 p.m.**

New Bedford Food Pantry, *The food pantry is held on Tuesday and Thursday every other week*

#### **Monthly - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Youth Dance Class at General Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

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

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

### Additional Events

#### **May 5 - 11:00 a.m.**

Wampanoag New Year Celebration, *Old Indian Meeting House*

#### **May 13 - 2:00 p.m.**

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

#### **May 14 - 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Remembrance and Acknowledgement Awards, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **May 20 - 11:00 a.m.**

Morning Service, *Old Indian Meeting House*

#### **May 26 - 10:00 a.m.**

Youth Sobriety Powwow, *Tribal Grounds*



\* Congratulations to **Keisha Peters** and **Shawn DeBarros** on the birth of their twin baby girls, **Adriana Suzanne** and **Arianna Renee**. Born on March 19. Adriana was 6.0lbs and her baby sister Arianna was 4 lbs 5 oz. Congratulations Keisha and Shawn!

\* Congratulations to **Charles "Bobby" Foster** and **Kim Helme** on the birth of their son. **Akecheta Milton Helme-Foster** was born 03/03/12 and weighted 7lbs 3 oz 18 inches.

\* Congratulations to **Courtney Powell-Turner** and **John Thomas III** on their new baby boy. **Meeqanees Kuntah Thomas** was born March 10 at 6:27 p.m. and weighted 4lbs and 12oz. Congratulations!

\* **Ella May Lopez** was born on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to Tribal member **Kesuqs Lopez** and **Cortney Roberts**. Congratulations!

\* Congratulations to **Steven** and **Jennifer Peters** on the birth of their baby boy. **Russell Peters III** was born on April 3 at 10:36 p.m. and weighed 7lbs and 2.9 oz.

*Adriana & Arianna*

*Akecheta*

*Meeqanees*

*Ella*

*Russell*



\* **Seth Pocknett** and **Tia Pocknett** were married on February 29 at the Old Indian Meeting House. Seth is the son of tribal member Marc Pocknett and Lorraine Pocknett. Tia is the daughter of tribal members Paul Averett and Judith Averett. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

\* Congratulations **Brianna Cheatham** and **Taylor Rose** for continuing to achieve all A's. Brianna is in the 6th grade and Taylor is in the 5th grade at the Quashnet School. In addition to their academic excellence, both girls continue to Dance at Sandwich Dance Academy and are on the Competition Team!

\* **Stephanie Helme**, a Corrections Officer with the Bristol County Sheriffs Office, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. She is the daughter of Steve and Debbie Helme of New Bedford. Congratulations Steph! You deserve it!

\* **Jonathan Helme** has completed the Fiber Optics Technician course offered by the tribe with test scores in the nineties. He is the son of Steve and Debbie Helme of New Bedford. Great job Jon! Congratulations!

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and Council Liaison Trish Keliinui.

I would also like to thank the sponsors of this year's ball, including: Delahunt Group; RGB Architects; Dino's Pizza & Subs; Narragansett Tribe; Smith, Segel, Ruddock & Hayes; Laborers' Local Union No. 876; Robert A. White Associates; Roche Bros.; Todd & Weld; Stephen Burr/Epsilon/JCJ Business Corp.; Arkana Ltd.; Lord & Associates; Coleman Indian Law; Union Gaming Analytics; Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster; Akerman Senterfitt; Bank of America; United South Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET); Blackhound Inc.; Strategic Quality Solutions; CH Newton; Mashpee Enterprise; Puritan Clothing of Cape Cod; Heald Hoffmeister & Co.; Lawrence Lynch; The Pacific Northwest Wampanoags; Tilden, McCoy & Dilweg, LLP; and Valiant Security.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Intertribal Social on March 24th was also a great success, with a turnout of over 300 Tribal members. We all enjoyed the great drumming by

Eastern Suns, Red Hawk Drummers and Singers and Mystic

River. The social was about honoring our loved ones who have passed. Many Tribal members brought pictures of their family members who have passed on. Also, we honored the many newborns that have come into the Tribe. We welcome and support these new, youngest members of our Tribal family.

A few weeks ago, over 50 Elders travelled to Aqueduct Casino in New York City. The Elders had an opportunity to tour the facility, learn about the business model and how the casino is run. The tour showed how successful our current investment groups is with managing and developing world-class resort casinos. Aqueduct Casino building, flat service parking and parking garage all sits on 68 acres and was amazing to see the size of the facility and the acreage it sits on. I would like to thank all the Elders who made the trip to New York to educate themselves about our economic development future. I would also like to thank the Arkana representatives who personally greeted our Tribal Elders and ensured that their visit was positive and informative.

Another very successful event

for our Elders was the Temptations concert in New Bedford. Approximately 65 Elders attended this fun and exciting show and had a great time!

These events are just some of the examples of how our Tribe is coming together to celebrate, comfort one another, learn, and build toward our very bright future. I thank everyone for your involvement from the bottom of my heart. You honor yourselves and your Tribe with your participation and commitment. Please continue this excellent level of participation by joining us for the May 5th New Year celebration at the Old Indian Meeting House starting at 11 am. Come one and come all to celebrate the Mashpee Wampanoag New Year. There will be a lot of food, drumming singing, socializing and ceremony!

Kutâputunumuw;

Cedric Cromwell Qaqeemasq  
*(Running Bear)*

## Drum Beat *(continued)*

\* **Anna Hendricks** received the Effort Award at the Student Recognition Awards Day held on April 12 at the Quashnet School. This award is given to a student who has worked very hard throughout the term, and moves from one category to another. Anna is the daughter of Heidi DeBarros and Thomas Hendricks. Congratulations Anna. A special thanks goes to her Tribal Tutor Robert Hendricks who instills pride and motivation within his students.

\* Congratulations to **Marcy Hendricks** on her new position as the Manager of Housing Services, in the Housing department.

\* Congratulations to **Winona Pocknett** on her new position as A/P Clerk in the Finance department. Winona previously worked for the Tribe in a part-time capacity, but her exemplary dedication and performance earned her an opportunity for full-time employment. The Finance Department is honored to have you Winona!

## Change of Addresses

Tribal members, please be aware of the importance of maintaining a valid mailing and street address with the Enrollment Office. Anytime the main office does a mailing we get mail that was marked as undeliverable by the post office, which we still have to pay for the postage. We are trying to prevent this by asking all tribal members to keep a current address on file.



## Health System Session



The Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit would like to invite Tribal Members to Talking Feather/ Listening Sessions with Health System Administrator Rita Gonsalves.

Please join Rita Gonsalves, Health System Administrator, for upcoming Talking Feather/Listening Sessions. Rita would like to know how you feel about customer service and the delivery of services from your medical home. Rita has planned several sessions for May and would like Tribal Members to participate to discuss customer service and their views of the clinic as well as expectations going forward.

- » The Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit May 7 11:30-12:30 p.m.
- » The New Bedford Office May 14 11:30-12:30 p.m.
- » Native American Lifeline in Boston May 21 11:30-12:30 p.m.
- » Community Conference Call Toll Free Number: (866) 738-5279 Participant Passcode: 1493783 May 15 10:00-Noon
- » The Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit May 19 10:00 -11:00 a.m.
- » For more info call Kristine Foster at (508) 477-6967

## NRDA Receives Environmental Merit Award

The New England Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to receive an Environmental Merit Award in recognition of its exceptional work and commitment to the environment in 2011.

EPA's Environmental Merit Award is an annual award that recognizes outstanding environmental advocates who have made significant contributions toward preserving and protecting our natural resources. The Tribe was nominated by EPA employee, Captain Michael Stover.

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The award will be presented at a special ceremony to be held at Faneuil Hall in Boston on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. This annual ceremony has recognized the environmental achievements of New Englanders for more than three decades. The Mashpee Wampanoag NRD department will be their guest of honor at this celebration.

Congratulations Natural Resource Department, on an outstanding work toward improving and preserving the quality of our environment!



**2012 ENVIRONMENTAL MERIT AWARDS**  
for outstanding efforts in preserving New England's environment

## Native Tribal Scholars Summer 2012

We are now accepting applications for Native Tribal Scholars (NTS) Summer 2012! Returning NTS and new students are encouraged to apply. An online application will be available on the UMB website ([www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu)) very soon. In the meantime, you may email Kristen Wyman (above) for details. Applications are due May 18. Please help spread the word.

If you have any questions, you may also email ([rpocknett@mwtribe.com](mailto:rpocknett@mwtribe.com) or [afoxx@mwtribe.com](mailto:afoxx@mwtribe.com)) or phone the Education Department's main line, (508) 419-6017 x 609.

This year's summer program will be more competitive than previous sessions. We will review grades, evidence of commitment to educational goals, last summer's outcomes as well as the school year participation data (for last year's participants).



## 2012 Mashpee Wampanoag Ball Award Recipients

**E**ach year Tribal members and friends of the Tribe that have gone above and beyond to support our community are recognized during the annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball awards ceremony. This year's ball, with over 600 people in attendance, was not the exception with several awards being given including a new award in honor of Alice May Lopez. Congratulations to all of the 2012 and past award recipients.



### Lewis Gurwitz Spirit Award

The Friends of the Quaker Meeting House Churches of West Falmouth,

Sandwich and Yarmouth were the recipients of the 2012 Lewis Gurwitz Spirit Award. This award is given to any non-tribal member who has displayed unselfish devotion and friendship to the Mashpee Wampanoag. The award is given in memory of our great friend Lewis Gurwitz, a brilliant attorney who sacrificed a lucrative law practice to devote his life and career to defending native people.

### Wampanoag Business and Professional Leadership Award

Ms. Marjorie Seagraves received the 2012 Wampanoag Business and Professional Leadership Award. This award honors a tribal member who exemplifies a strong work ethic, professionalism, excellence, and leadership qualities. It is given to a tribal member who has been successful in launching a business or professional career while balancing the need to be successful and the need to retain our culture and traditions, and as such is a positive example for our youth.

### Alice May Lopez Award for Advocacy and Volunteerism

Ms. Marcy Hendricks is the first recipient of the Alice May Lopez Award for Advocacy and Volunteerism. This award recognizes a tribal member who advocates and/or volunteers on behalf of a fellow tribal member and/or the tribal community at large.



*"Alice really, really loved life...She helped everybody; mentored teens,*

*took in homeless, helped get groceries...and she helped Wampanoag people keep a roof over their heads."*

– Jessie little doe Baird

### Osamequen Award

Wakeby Lake Drum received the 2012 Osamequen Award. This award is given to a tribal member who has been dedicated to the preservation of the tribe, culture and history of the people in memory of the 17th Century Wampanoag Massasoit, Osamequen.

## Congratulations to the 2012 Mashpee Wampanoag Ball Committee

A special thank you is in order for the 2012 Mashpee Wampanoag Ball Committee for putting together a memorable evening. With over 600 guests in attendance, the 16th annual Ball was our largest and most successful ball to date. Congratulations and thank you to all of the committee members for their dedication and hard work.



2012 Wampanoag Ball Committee

**Back Row Left to Right:** Kristine Foster, Barbara Jonas, Diane Johnson, Nekeisha Peters, Marita Scott, Winona Pocknett, Suzanne Spinola (Committee Chair).

**Front Row Left to Right:** Councilwoman Trish Keliinui, Bobby Foster, Rebecca Oakley





91<sup>st</sup> Annual

# Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow

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## Tribal Members Tour New York Aqueduct Casino

**E**lders and members of the Tribal Council recently toured the New York Aqueduct Casino. The group arrived at the casino around noon and was greeted by the owners and some of the staff. After the introductions they went to lunch at the buffet, mingled and then took a lovely tour of the facilities with the owners and staff. After the tour of the facilities, there was a break in the schedule to allow tribal members to explore and to do a



little gambling if they wanted. The day was capped with dinner before heading to the hotel for the evening. The next day the group headed home with entertainment on the bus by some of our elders and councilpersons that were singing and dancing in the aisles. The trip was a huge success and our elders and council members hope to schedule more trips for tribal members.

## Remembrance and Acknowledgement Awards

On May 14, a special remembrance and acknowledgement awards ceremony will be held at the Tribal Office at 2:30 p.m. The awards are a way of honoring our elders and remembering all of the hard work they put in to build our Tribal Office building. The Tribal Office building that will soon be replaced with our new community center.

A luncheon for Tribal Elders will be held prior to the awards ceremony at the Tribal Office from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please come, celebrate and honor those that have passed before us and those that are still here teaching us a better way. There will be special elder's recognition awards and gifts for all of our elders.

## Powwow Update

The 91st Annual Mashpee Wampanoag This year's Powwow will be held at the Barnstable County Fair Grounds. The fair grounds are located at 1220 Nathan Ellis Highway in East Falmouth.

### Food Vendors

This year the committee is opening only 4 spots up for food vendors. To be chosen for these spots, the committee will enter your application into the lottery. Everyone who puts in for this year's application process will stay on this new lottery food vendor list. Each applicant is to provide their proposed menus, original menus will stand out in the lottery selection. These lottery spots are temporary. We are accepting both Tribal and Non-Tribal applicants. If at all interested, please contact the powwow committee

at [mashpeepowwow@mwtribe.com](mailto:mashpeepowwow@mwtribe.com).

### Camping

Camping will be provided at the Barnstable County Fair Grounds for this year's annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow. There are 120 RV spots with electricity and water hookups. The price for RV camping is \$100 for Non-Tribal Members and \$35.00 for Tribal Members. Tribal members must pay the \$35.00 for their RV camping spot, it is unavoidable. There is also tent camping as well. The pricing for camping with tents is \$35.00, however if you are a vendor, dancer, or drummer, tent fee is waived. Set up for camping can take place as early as Thursday, June 28, 2012.

### Jobs

For anyone interested in a position for trash removal, bathroom attendants, parking attendants, ticket sale

monitors, and security for this year's powwow, please email the Powwow Director David Weeden at [dweedend@mwtribe.com](mailto:dweedend@mwtribe.com). We will be paying anywhere from \$10.00 - \$15.00 per hour depending on the job. If you have any questions, please contact us at [mashpeepowwow@mwtribe.com](mailto:mashpeepowwow@mwtribe.com).



## Seeking Proposals for New Dental Clinic

The Indian Health Service would like to present the opportunity for proposal upon a 2,000/2,500 sf. dental clinic. Documents are available online that constitute a request for proposal (RFP) - numbered; 285-12-RFP-0017 for the construction of a dental clinic to be located at Mashpee Service Unit, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649.

A detailed scope of work is listed in section "C" of the RFP document. Please read it and base your proposal upon the information given therein.

The concept presented here is a design build modular dental clinic that

will be turnkey ready for business once installed and completed.

Please return the proposal by May 10, 2012.

Solicitation Number: 285-12-RFP-0017

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Synopsis:

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## Blast from the Past

Archives are courtesy of Joan Tavares-Avant (Granny Squannit)



Peace pipe ritual varied with the tribe; Louis Deer, a Mohawk whose Indian name is Twin Skies, lifts the pipe aloft.



Chief Leading Canoe of the Narragansetts (Charles S. Wells) solemnly lifts peace pipe aloft.



## Youth Sobriety Powwow

The 2012 Youth Sobriety Powwow is going to be held on Saturday, May 26 at the tribal grounds. The gates will open at 10:00 a.m. and grand entry will be at noon. This year's schedule of events includes dancing, drumming, a two-step special, a hand-drum special, food and raffles. Make sure to mark your calendars, because you do not want to miss this year's powwow.

The emcees for the 2012 sobriety powwow are Scotty Reels and Attaquin Weeden. The arena director is Doug Pocknett. The dancer include head male dancer Miteyo Moore, head female dancer Tiana Lopes, jr. head male dancer Caesar Hendricks, and jr. head female dancer Kuwah Deetz.

The powwow is open to the public and tribal members are encouraged to invite their family and friends. Our youth have worked very hard to put together another wonderful powwow and they look forward to seeing you in attendance.







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## COMMUNITY

### Tribal Easter Egg Hunt

**T**he Tribe's Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 7 at the Tribal Grounds. It was a wonderful event that brought our children and families together. A special thank you goes to the youth council for its help in hiding the eggs. There were about 60 kids that attended and searched our grounds looking for eggs. We broke the children up into four age groups for the egg hunt and awarded prizes to the top boy and girl in each group. At the end of the day, we had seven winners.

