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Dear Tribal Family,

Thanks be to the Creator. After a long harsh winter, spring has finally sprung!

And just as sure as April showers bring May flowers and the herring begin their annual run, there are signs that we, as a people, are flowering and growing into our own, as we run toward a more prosperous future.

Evidence of that was on display last month when the Cape Light Compact - the primary electricity supplier on Cape Cod - presented us with a recognition award and rebate check for \$72,000. The award and rebate check were the culmination of building an energy-efficient Community & Government Center just as we celebrate the one-year anniversary of our Tribal Government's new headquarters.

In the design and construction of the Community & Government Center, we decided to participate in the Cape Light Compact's Commercial New Construction Advanced Building Energy Efficiency Program. This specific program provides incentives for builders to go above and beyond state and local building codes as it relates to energy efficiency. To earn the incentive, we had to meet specific benchmarks in over a dozen areas - from high-efficiency lighting and controls, heating, cooling and ventilation to energy efficient window systems, insulation and indoor air quality.

We recently learned that we are the recipients of the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) 2015 Business Leaders for the Energy Efficiency Award, further establishing our largest building project to date as a model of smart development both inside and outside of Indian Country.

Kudos to the Clerk of the Works,

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Boston Celtics Honor Vice Chairwoman Jessie "Little Doe" Baird as Hero Among Us

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Jessie "Little Doe" Baird was honored for her efforts to restore the Wampanoag language during a Boston Celtics game at TD Bank Garden on Friday, April 3. During a ceremony at half court the Celtics named her as a "Hero Among Us" during a game against the Milwaukee Bucks.

Jessie was instrumental in the creation of the Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP), which is in the midst of drafting a second bid for the Weetumuw Wopanaak Charter School.

Prior to WLRP, no one had spoken the native language for hundreds of years when Jessie had a dream to reclaim it. With no experience in language study, she enrolled at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and taught herself the Wampanoag language from century's old written documents.

In 2010 Jessie received the MacArthur Foundation Genius Award for recovering the language which had its first native speaker in



Vice Chairwoman Baird Being Named "Hero Among Us" at Boston Celtics Game

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Judge Terri Yellowhammer Appointed to the Supreme Court

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court is pleased to announce the appointment of Judge Terri Yellowhammer to the position of Supreme Court Judge. Judge Yellowhammer is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Lakota Tribal Nation. She has an extensive background in human services, having practiced as an Assistant Minnesota Attorney General in the area of human services and mental health, and was with the Minnesota Department of Human Services where she was the state's policy consultant on the Indian Child Welfare Act, a position which involved working collaboratively with representatives from Minnesota's eleven Amer-

ican Indian tribal governments as well as county social workers and attorneys. She also held a state level position in administrative law for the Minnesota Department of Human Services' Division of Licensing. In this capacity she reviewed administrative actions affecting persons working in state licensed programs serving individuals receiving residential treatment, foster care and nonresidential treatment and habilitation.



Supreme Court Judge Yellowhammer

Judge Yellowhammer is currently a consultant on ICWA cases for the Minnesota Guardian Ad Litem Board, and is a staff attorney for the Indian Child Welfare Law Center, where she represents

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Events Calendar

New Events

May 2 - 11:00 a.m.

Wampanoag New Year, *Old Indian Meeting House*

May 12 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

WLRP Info Session, *Falmouth Public Library*

May 14 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

WLRP Info Session, *MWTCGC*

May 15 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mashpee Nine Documentary Preview, *MWTCGC*

May 16 - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

3rd Annual Youth Ball, *MWTCGC*

May 17 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

General Body Meeting, *MWTCGC*

**May meeting is held on the 3rd Sunday in observance of Mother's Day*

May 21 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

WLRP Info Session, *MWTCGC*

Weekly Events

Mondays - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Youth Boys Basketball, *MWTCGC*

Tuesdays - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Elders Lunch & Learn, *MWTCGC*

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

Coed Volleyball, *MWTCGC*

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, *MWTCGC*

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m.

Enrollment Committee, *MWTCGC*

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

Tribal Health Zumba with Shirley, *MWTCGC*

Thursdays - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Elders Lunch & Learn, *MWTCGC*

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

Tribal Health Zumba with Shirley, *MWTCGC*

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.

Housing Commission, *MWTCGC*,

It is held the first Thursday and third Monday of each month.

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.

Chief's Circle, *Old Indian Meeting House*

It is held the first Tuesday of the month.

Monthly - 5:30 p.m.

Public Safety Commission, *MWTCGC*,

It is held the third Thursday of the month.



Tribal Announcements



» Marcy Hendricks and Bryan Purdie are excited to announce the birth of their son, **Bryson Aura Hendricks**. Bryson was born on March 20, 2015 at 3:37 and weighed 8lbs. 4oz. and was a healthy 20.25 inches long. Bryson is the grandson of Winona Hendricks and Kim Frye. Congratulations to Marcy and Bryan on the birth of their son.



» **Marissa Anne Sylvia**, daughter of Delscena Hicks and Wade Sylvia; sister to Nevah Hicks, Joshua Sylvia and Noel Sylvia; and granddaughter of the late Warren Hicks and Bette Hendricks Hicks, will graduate from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Pediatric Nursing. While attending UVA, Marissa also served as the Vice President of the Native American Student Union.

Marissa is a 2011 graduate of Mashpee High School where she excelled academically as a member of the National Honor Society as well as served as Vice President of the Student Council. Coming

from one of the largest Mashpee families, Marissa is a wonderful role model for her younger cousins and extended family as she seeks to further her education by earning a master's degree. Marissa is currently employed at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. in pediatrics.

Congratulations Marissa, your achievements are inspirational and make your Tribal Community extremely proud.



» Congratulations to **Kendall "Kenna" Scott** for presenting her senior project on drug addiction. Her presentation brought light to the entire issue of drug addiction and the impact on our community. Her mother, Marita Scott, who was in attendance for the presentation was glad her daughter decided to tackle such a difficult topic. "I am so incredibly proud of my daughter. Her senior project was focused on the addiction epidemic and the presentation was powerful! The guest speakers were knowledgeable and the personal story of the man from Gosnold hit home with the kids. Looking around the room they were crying when he described his loss and applauding his successes. I learned a lot about the subject and wish more people could have been there. You are awesome Kendall Nichole," said Marita.



» **Robyn Tobey Stamps** was recognized for her dedication and commitment in building the health services capacity through her position as a Contract Health Services Technician by Tribal Council. Robyn was the first Federal Indian Health Service employee prior to the Health Clinic coming to fruition. Robyn held the position from 2008 until her recent resignation in February. We thank Robyn for her work in creating a program that assisted so many families with healthcare needs and cost. We wish her the best in her new endeavors.

» **Open Seat on Enrollment Committee:** The Enrollment Committee is looking for a dedicated tribal member interested in helping to oversee our enrollment process. Presently there is one seat open on the Enrollment Committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please send a letter of interest to Francie Dottin, executive administrative assistant to the chairman, at fdottin@mwtribe.com.



Celtics Honor *(continued)*



seven generations. She used the \$500,000 dollar award grant to support breast cancer research and other language projects.

Since its establishment in 1997 by the Boston Celtics, The Heroes Among Us program has recognized outstanding individuals who have made exceptional and lasting contributions to their communities. The award is presented at every Celtics home game.

WLRP and the Language Department are committed to training new generations of fluent speakers of Wôpanâôtsâôk through master apprentice and other language immersion techniques. Twelve language teachers have also been trained and certified to provide instruction for beginners in the complex grammar and structure of Wôpanâôtsâôk. While students of all ages are welcome in community language classes, WLRP's Language Committee and Board of Directors have prioritized founding a K-3 Wôpanâôtsâôy Pâhshaneekamuq (Wampanoag Language Immersion Charter School), based on widespread community demand for children's language classes.

Chickasaw Judge to Visit Tribal Court

The Tribal Court is also pleased to announce a visit from Judge Barbara Anne Smith. Judge Smith is a Chickasaw citizen and has been a Supreme Court Justice for the Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma since 2003, and formerly the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Previously she served the Chickasaw nation as District Judge and also serves as a Special Judge for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Courts. She has been a facilitator for the Native American Rights Fund Chautauqua Peacemaking Project and is on the Advisory Committee for their current Peacemaking Project. All interested parties are welcome to join Judge Smith as she presents on the philosophy of Peacemaking on May 18, 2015 at the Government Center at a time to be announced.

Youth Sobriety Powwow on June 20

Please mark your calendars and make your finishing touches on your regalia. The annual Youth Sobriety Powwow will be held on Saturday, June 20 at the Tribe's Community and Government Center field (powwow will be held in the gym if it rains). The gates will open at 11:00 a.m. and grand entry will be at 12:00 p.m. For admission into the Powwow, the Youth Committee is asking for a donation of a toy, clothes or other items for children. The items will be distributed to families recovering from substance addiction.

Day money will be provided to dancers of all ages. Dancers will be required to participate and will be checked at entry. Vendors and drummers will be contacted upon request. In addition, lunch and dinner will be provided. Our Youth Council have also secured funding to hire five youth (of legal working age) to work in various positions during the Youth Powwow, including helping elders, delivering water and keeping the grounds clear.

Youth workers will receive \$25 for a full day of work. A complete job description will be available at the Tribe's Community and Government Center after May 15.

The Youth Committee would gladly accept donations, business and individual sponsors and volunteers for the event. If you have additional questions or would like to support the Youth Council in any way, please email mwtyouthcouncil@gmail.com or email Joanne "Nana Jo" Frye at jfrye@mwtribe.com.



Chairman's Column *(continued)*

David Greene, for overseeing the construction of our Community & Government Center and to Michael Maxim, our Facilities Director, for their foresight and collaborative work with the Cape Light Compact.

Because of their leadership we now have an energy-efficient building that will save us tens of thousands of dollars in utility costs. But even more important than the long-term economic benefits this provides, what I most value is that we were able to incorporate into this very building our ancient commitment to be good stewards of the land that nourished our ancestors.

This month's issue of the Mittark also covers several other reflections of our growth.

In case you missed the news, be sure to give Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Jessie "Little Doe" Baird a high-five for getting the "Hero Among Us" award from the Boston Celtics at center court of the TD Garden during half-time at a Celtics' game played last month. She was honored for her pioneering work with the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP). We should all be honored by her devotion to reviving and safeguarding our native tongue.

Meanwhile, at the 26th anniversary celebration of the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness last month, our very own Jim Peters was honored for his support of Native communities.

And while there may not have

been as much fanfare surrounding Judge Terri Yellowhammer's recent appointment to our Tribal Supreme Court, I salute her in her ascension to such an illustrious and important position within our tribal government.

Last but not least, I draw your attention to a ceremony to be held at our Community & Government Center later this month to commemorate yet another sign of our growth as a sovereign nation. On May 18, we will host top federal and state transportation officials for what will be an historic Memorandum-Of-Understanding signing ceremony.

Thanks in large part to the painstaking efforts of Ramona Peters - Director of our Historic Preservation Department - federal and state transportation officials have agreed to consult with us on the preservation of tribal historical and cultural resources that may be unearthed on any future federally aided transportation projects in our service area.

Indeed, as the weather gets warmer with the season of new beginnings upon us, we as a Tribe are warming up to taking our rightful place in the sun. Let us shine together as "People of the First Light."

Kutâputunumuw;

Cedric Cromwell
Qaqeemashq (*Running Bear*)

Free Passes for Children's Museum

In addition to the financial support Tribal families receive from the Mashpee Wampanoag Child Care Funding (CCDF) program, the program is also providing day passes to the Cape Cod Children's Museum on Great Neck Road South in Mashpee. CCDF have six passes for the museum that recipients of the CCDF program and their providers may use.



To use the passes, contact CCDF Program Assistant Eileen Miranda at emiranda@mwtribe.com or (508) 477-0208 x 152 or you may contact Program Director Marcy Hendricks at x 160 or mhendricks@mwtribe.com to schedule times to pick up the passes. The passes must be signed out and returned the same day to ensure all families have the opportunity to enjoy the Children's Museum at no cost. If you are unable to arrange pickup and/or return of the passes for any reason, you may contact the Education Department at (508) 477-0208 and the program manager or assistant is available to drop off or pick up the passes.

The Cape Cod Children's Museum is a place where adults and children can learn and play together. Pick up a pass and explore the hands on exhibits, programs and classes.

CCDF administers the Tribal Child Care Voucher Program. Though the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services CCDF provides subsidized childcare vouchers to more than 50 low-income working Native American families. Contact Eileen or Marcy for more information or to be placed on the wait list.



Principles of Peacemaking

Previously we had set forth "Ten Principles of Peacemaking" by Douglas Noll. However, in the Mashpee Wampanoag Judicial Ordinance we had developed 4 of our own guiding principles for our people. We will be publishing them in a series. We hope you will read and enjoy them.

Harmony Principle: A positive, conscious, meaningful relationship between parties is valuable. For Mashpee peoples, harmony is achieved through "Weechshumôkane N8hswehtamuk" which means "a working together by people" by "observing the law." Peacemaking encourages people to consciously solve their own problems by opening communications through respect, responsibility and good faith. It is conducted by the parties and accomplished by planning and group decisions for future action. By solving their own problems in peacemaking, people replace

coercive decisions. Rather than judge people or force them unwillingly to do something, peacemaking addresses the consequences of people's behavior and substitutes healing to remedy any harmful consequences. Peacemaking assists people to help themselves resolve conflict through self-healing measures. Peacemaking is based on healing the mind, body, and spirit to end conflict, rather than to continue conflict by the use of power, force and punishment. It allows individuals, groups of people and communities to take ownership of their problems and to solve them in ways which promote healthy relationships between and among the individuals and group. The objective is to achieve harmony and balance.

Principles of Peacemaking is part of a series submitted monthly by our Peacemakers.

John Trudell and Tribal Members Speak at UMass Amherst Symposium

John Trudell author, poet, actor, musician and political activist along with tribal members Ramona Peters, Everett "Tall Oak" Weeden and Danielle Hill spoke at the 2015 UMass Annual Native American and Indigenous Student Symposium held on Friday, April 17 at the UMass Amherst Marriot Center.

The symposium covered the course of relations between Indigenous communities and colonial entities, strategies have been enacted to divide, restructure, and eliminate Indigenous peoples, their cultures, and world-views. As a result, communities have been fragmented and the access, use, and transmission of culture and resources has changed from generation to generation. This fragmenting often results in forced enculturation of Indigenous peoples into various positions of exploitation either as model minorities, natural resources, trophies of conquest, or invisible subjects. Consequently, every generation has been faced with the dilemma of being confined to these statuses or making choices to rethink, respond, and reclaim their cultures, world-views, health, and self-respect.

This symposium focused on a variety of the complications with and responses to these issues, addressing both individual and community approaches through inter-generational and intertribal perspectives.

John gave the key note speech in which he talked about the importance of thinking clearly and rationally and that the



John Trudell with Native Tribal Scholars at the Native American and Indigenous Student Symposium at UMass Amherst

first step to "being human" is to recognize our true purpose and to stay rooted in reality without emotional reactions. There is a lot of negative energy that's generated due to a disconnect with the earth, each other and the creator, but that energy could turn into positive energy if we focus on just being human. He stressed that you can't love the creator if you don't love yourself first and loving yourself is the truest way to being a human being.

The panel then discussed the dynamics between the youth and elders and how relationships between the two age groups can be strengthened.

John Trudell was born in 1946 in Omaha Nebraska and raised on the Santee Sioux reservation. In 1969 he became the spokesperson for the United Indians of All Tribes's occupation of Alcatraz Island. John is the co-founder of the Hempstead Project Heart with Willie Nelson. The project is dedicated to legalizing industrial hemp in America.

Annual Youth Ball on May 16



Our youth will enjoy a fun evening of music, dancing, food and awards during the 3rd Annual Youth Ball on Saturday, May 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Tribe's Community and Government Center. The theme of this year's Youth Ball is a "masquerade" and formal dress is required. Award nominations are due Friday, May 8 and are available for pick-up at the Community and Government Center and in the Indian Education Office at Mashpee High School.

Tickets for the ball are \$15 in advance and will be \$20 at the door. In addition to a fun night with awards to celebrate the accomplishments of our youth, the event is also a fundraiser. The Youth Committee would gladly accept donations, business and individual sponsors and volunteers for the event. If you have additional questions or would like to support the Youth Council in any way, please send an email to mwtyouthcouncil@gmail.com or contact Joanne "Nana Jo" Frye at jfrye@mwtribe.com.

Judge Appointed to Supreme Court *(continued)*

Indian Custodians involved in child protection matters. She is also an appellate judge with the White Earth Nation in northern Minnesota.

Ms. Yellowhammer holds an undergraduate degree from St. Catherine University and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Minnesota Law School.

A swearing in ceremony is scheduled for May 15, 2015 at the Government Center at a time to be announced.

Two New Education Department Hires

The Education Department is pleased to announce that Scott Shepherd has joined the department at the new Assistant Director and Cameron Greendeer is the new Indian Education Coordinator. Please join us in welcoming both of them to the Education team.

Renée Lopes-Pocknett, tribal education director, is excited to have two new hires in April. "Both of these gentlemen bring the experience and dedication to native education required to make a positive impact on our youth. I'm excited to have them on the team and looking forward to working closely with both Cameron and Scott," said Renée.

Scott Shepherd, assistant director of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department, was born in New Bedford. He spent his summers in Mashpee with his grandparents, Louis Souza who taught him how to fish and quahog and Alma Helme Souza, who taught him beadwork for belts, how to make clam chowder and to cook eel, crabs and fish. As a youngster, he would always look forward to his mom, Ellen Shepherd, taking him and the family to the Powwow and other tribal events.

He graduated from New Bedford High School and pursued a career in education and theater at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. While there, he was the Chairperson for the American Indian Student Association where he and the team organized many events and the annual UMASS Powwow. During his sophomore year, he met the author and playwright; William S. Yellow Robe and had the wonderful opportunity to be a lead actor in his Native American play Sneaky. Upon graduation, he was asked to tour out West with the

Idaho Theater for Youth Company acting in Yellow Robe's My Walks with Grandmother. Upon completion of the three-month tour, he returned home and began teaching in public schools and also with migrant education.

Scott later earned a Master's Degree in School Administration from Providence College. Most recently, he was a Vice-Principal in a Rhode Island middle school. Scott currently lives in Providence, Rhode Island and has served on the Mashpee Tribal Education Committee for three years. His desire as Assistant Director of Education is to bring about positive academic improvements and to support all tribal members on their road to educational success.

Cameron Greendeer, Indian education coordinator for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, is from the Ho-Chunk Nation from Wisconsin and a member of the Deer clan. His Ho-Chunk name is Mahamaniga, which means Deer Walking the Earth. He's currently a senior at Bridgewater State University studying for his Bachelor's Degree in Health



Cameron Greendeer

Studies. Cameron grew up singing and dancing at Powwows across the Midwest. He's very excited to be given this opportunity and very thankful to the Education Department. Cameron is now looking forward to working with our Native American youth and providing an environment for optimal enhancement in academics, culture and personal life.

4th Annual Graduation Brunch: RSVP by May 29

The Education Department will be hosting its 4th Annual Graduation Brunch on Saturday, June 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center. The annual brunch is a celebration of the academic achievements of our high school and college graduates from the past year. To attend, please contact the Education Department at (508) 477-0208 x151 by the RSVP deadline of Friday, May 29. Please also inform us if anybody attending has a food allergy or handicap requirements.

The brunch is open to all graduates and their immediate family members. We hope to see all of our high school and college

graduates at this year's annual brunch and please remember to RSVP.

The Education Department is committed to providing the support programs that nurture the positive social and academic development of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe members. For the sustainability of our community we seek to promote and cultivate leadership skills in our youth while, deepening their understanding of tribal history, culture, and the natural environment we are entrusted to. We strive to increase the number of Mashpee Wampanoag's who enroll, matriculate in, and successfully complete college and graduate school programs.

Impact of Domestic Violence on Adults and Children - Part II

Domestic violence affects one's thoughts, feelings and behaviors and can significantly impact one's mental stability. Medical conditions such as hypertension, heart disease and arthritis can be caused or aggravated by physical injuries sustained as a result of domestic violence.

Impact of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence on Adults:

- » Depression, anxiety, panic attacks, substance abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder, disassociation
- » Domestic violence can trigger suicide attempts, psychotic episodes, homelessness and slow recovery from mental illness
- » Suicidal thoughts, anger or aggressive behavior, self-blame, guilt and shame, alcohol and drug abuse
- » Chronic fatigue, shortness of breath, sexual dysfunction, involuntary shaking, issues with menstrual cycle or fertility (women), muscle tension
- » Low self-esteem, feeling of being

damaged or unworthy of a better life, lack of motivation, feeling of emptiness, lack of trust in others

Impact of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence on Children:

The impact of this type of violence can be among the most disturbing for children because both victims and aggressors are the adults. Violence interrupts children's experience of consistent safety and care, and creates an environment of uncertainty and helplessness. Children who grow up in violent homes have a higher risk of becoming drug or alcohol abusers or being involved in abusive relationships

Behavioral - Out of control behavior, bedwetting and nightmares, insomnia, rigid defenses, manipulation, lying to avoid confrontation, phobias, dependency, acting out or withdrawing, mood swings, aggressive or passive acting as a parent substitute, refusing to go to school, excessive attention seeking, over-achieving or poor academic performance

Physical - Tired and lethargic, frequently ill, regression in development, nervousness, anxiety, short attention span, head-

aches, stomachaches, somatic complaints, poor personal hygiene, self-abuse, high risk play, regression in development, committing criminal acts as juveniles

Emotional - Anger, embarrassment, depression, guilt, self-blame, feelings of helplessness, fear of abandonment, fear of expressing emotions, confusion about conflicting feelings toward parents, being suicidal, low self-esteem

Social - Poor anger management, excessive social involvement to avoid home, poor problem solving skills, isolation from friends and relatives, difficulty trusting, excess passivity or bullying, difficulty making friends, fear of adults

Upcoming issue of Mittark: Part III - Cycle of Domestic Violence

Seek help in an environment that honors you, your culture and the significance of that culture to your mental health. For more information contact the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit - Behavioral Health at (508) 477-6967. Clinical Therapists Nadine Phillips-Smart and PumukQien Collins are here to help.

2015 Summer Turtle Enrollment is Open!

The Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) is pleased to announce enrollment is now open for our 5th Annual Summer Turtle Program for children ages 5-13. The 3-week program, which combines language and cultural activities designed for children, will be held Monday-Friday from July 27 through August 14, 2015 and will be held at the Mashpee Wampanoag Community and Government Center field (483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee).

All children who are members of households in the four Wampanoag communities served by WLRP (Mashpee, Aquinnah, Herring Pond and Assonet) are eligible to apply. There are 45 open slots and applications are on a first come-first served basis, determined by the postmark of the completed application to our mailing address at WLRP, PO Box 2241, Mashpee, MA 02649 (no walk-in or e-mail applications please). You may download a copy of the application at www.wlrp.org/programs.html.

Please make sure to mail your completed applications to PO Box 2241. Forms contain children's personal health information, so our staff will not be accepting applications in the language center offices/



classrooms as these locations are not always locked & secure. Application forms must be mailed.

Kutâputunumuw, thank you, and we look forward to working with your children this summer! For more information, please send us an email at info@wlrp.org or call (508) 477-0208 x 168.

Important Summer Turtle Program Dates

Summer Turtle: July 27 - August 14

Registration deadline: July 13

Acceptance calls/letters to parents date: As applications are received at PO Box 2241.

Waitlist release date: July 20

Museum Events



Craft Circle Monday Nights

Stop by the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum Monday nights for Community Craft Circle from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please call prior to attending your first class at (508) 477-9339 to find out what we're working on. You can also find the Museum on facebook to stay up to date with all of the summer events.

Preschool Language Hour Fridays

All Mashpee Wampanoag preschooler's are welcome to sign up for Preschool Language Hour every Friday from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The Preschool Language Hour is held at the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum on Main Street (Route 130). For more information, please call (508) 477-0208 x101 or (508) 477-9339. You can also find the Museum on facebook to stay up to date with all of the summer events.

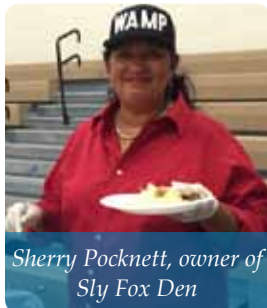


Celebrating Year 1: Over 350 Elders Attend Lunch and Learn Programs

Title VI Nutrition and Supportive Services, also known as the “Lunch and Learn” program, has completed its first year of a 3-year grant. This program is designed for our tribal elders 55 years and older to increase socialization, cultural integration, social contacts and connectedness, physical safety, food security, healthy eating, physical activity, knowledge and skills. In addition, the program aims to decrease the risk of nursing home placement, social isolation, mental overload, and depression.



The first year has been a great success in teaching our language, serving nutritional meals and providing caregiver support for our elders. The language classes are offered by instructor Tracey Kelley and have been attended by 351 elders in the past 8 months giving an average of 8 students per class and the nutritional meals are prepared and served by our very own Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal caterers. We have served over 1,300 meals since July and we look



Sherry Pocknett, owner of Sly Fox Den

forward to adding an additional late afternoon supper in the summer months. Educational information regarding health services, presentations, elder events, and trainings are disseminated at each session.

Our Tribal transportation has been implemented and provides transportation from New Bedford -Wareham-Bourne-Falmouth and another run from West Yarmouth-Hyannis-Centerville and Mashpee. Please call transportation coordinator, Chris Helme for further scheduling and pick up. Our Tribal caregiver services have been extended to provide respite care for our elders and elder caregivers. A stipend is offered for all non-elder and elder caregiver services. If you have a loved one who may need some help with light housekeeping, food preparation, shopping, daily tasks just to name a few please let us know. If you are unable to come out to the center you may be eligible to have a meal brought to you by a family member.

We are looking forward to increasing the participation and hope that you can join us any and every Tuesday and Thursday. Language class 11:30-12:30 and Lunch 12:30-1:30. Title VI- Lunch and learn program is funded by the U.S. Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living /Administration on Aging Agency and managed under the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health and Language Departments. For more information please contact program director/nutritionist Donald Peters at (508) 477-0208 x 117. For Caregiver information please contact health services coordinator Kim Frye at x 103 or health services specialist Wendy Pocknett at x 166. We hope to see you soon!

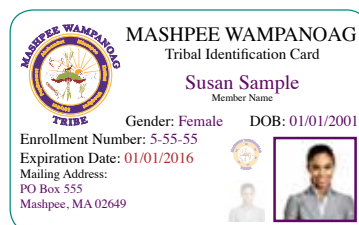
New Address?

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers, please contact the Enrollment Department at (508) 477-0208 or drop by and complete a change of address form. Rita Lopez, Enrollment Director, and her staff strive to keep all members informed of events and services offered by way of mail and email by keeping current contact information on all Tribal Members.

Over the past year we have been auditing our records. As part of the audit, we will be sending out letter's requesting members to submit missing, required documentation for member folders. If you have been married, divorced, had a legal name change within the past 3 years please send a copy of any legal documents to the Enrollment Department.

Need a New ID?

Members should get a new ID if they still have the older laminated ID as they are no longer valid. ID's expire every 5 years and cost \$15 cash only. You can get an ID at any age and if you are over 55 years old the ID is free, you can also sign up to vote when you come in. Appointments are preferred please call ahead at (508) 477-0208 x173 as we could be unavailable or in a meeting.



Health Professionals Needed for Powwow



Tribal Health is currently accepting applications for health professionals that are interested in working at the Mashpee Wampanoag 2015 Powwow First Aid Stand. It's important that we have a well-staffed stand to ensure that our drummers, dancers, vendors and visitors have immediate support from qualified health professionals if needed. In the past our stand has provided care and guidance for issues like heat exhaustion, dehydration and injuries from Fireball. All health professionals that staff the tent will be paid.

All health professionals working the Powwow must hold a current license/certification in their profession and a cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification (CPR). This year's Powwow will be held from Friday, July 3 to Sunday, July 5 and applicants must commit to a minimum of four hours and a maximum of eight hours on any of the days. Application from health professionals in the following fields are currently being accepted:

- » Certified Nurse Assistant
- » Home Health Aide
- » Health Technician
- » License Practical Nurse
- » Emergency Medical Technician
- » Paramedic
- » Registered Nurse
- » Doctor
- » Nurse Practitioner
- » or any other health professional

For more information or to apply, please send a letter of interest with credentials and availability by June 5 to Councilwoman Cheryl Frye-Cromwell at cfrye-cromwell@mwtribe.com or drop it off at the Community and Government Center front desk. You may also contact First Aid Manager Mika Miranda at mikamiranda37@gmail.com or (774) 521-4023 for more information.

Take the Test and Get Ready for Your Next Career

Starting July 1, 2015 the Mashpee Wampanoag Employment and Training Department will be offering free Adult Assessment tests for federally recognized tribal members, including members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. The Adult Assessment test is perfect for recent graduates as well as working, unemployed and underemployed adults. The test will give you a wealth of information about your strengths and areas that need improvement.

Employment and Training Director Yvonne Marie Tobey will administer the Adult Assessment tests and is looking forward to offering the new service. "The new test is a great opportunity for me to work closely with a Tribal Member and really understand their individual goals and develop a plan to help them achieve success. We'll review the results together and develop a plan to capitalize on

their natural strengths and improve specific areas that will be required for his or her chosen career path," said Yvonne.

The service is now possible thanks to federal funding from the Department of Labor that allowed Yvonne to obtain General Assessment of Instructional Needs (GAIN) Wonderlic Test Administrator training and certification. Yvonne received a certificate from GAIN on April 6, 2015 that recognized her as a Test Administrator and able to give the Adult Assessment test. The certificate is valid for two years and will require re-certification in 2017.

For more information or to schedule a General Assessment test with Yvonne, please contact the Employment and Training Department at (508) 477-0208 x 161.

The WIA staff and director Yvonne Marie Tobey are dedicated to providing its

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- Yvonne Tobey



members with the tools they need to become self-sufficient and self-reliant through gainful employment. The department accomplishes this by partnering with the Cape and Islands Workforce Investment board and the Career Opportunities program. In addition, the Mashpee WIA department assists adults with obtaining basic skills instruction and GED preparation. For more information about WIA and its programs, please visit www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com or call the department at (508) 477-0208 x 161.

What's happening in the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department?

We've now made it even easier to apply for housing assistance by placing the application online. Housing Director Deirdre Lopes and her team are proud to announce that you can now click on the Housing Department link on www.mashpeewampanoag-tribe.com and quickly complete your application. And rest assured that all of your information is secure on our site.

It's the mission of the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department is to provide safe affordable housing to eligible tribal members, and other Native Americans who reside in the Tribe's service area. It is the Housing Department's mission to provide housing assistance and opportunities specific to the needs of the Native Americans living with The Wampanoag Community. The Housing Department will offer eligible members the choice to remain in existing housing or return to quality housing provided on ancestral lands; a place appointed to us by our Creator, and to encourage self determination and economic independence for all Native Americans.

The Housing Department accomplishes its mission through several pro-

grams that serve the various needs in our community. These programs include the following:

- » Rental Assistance
- » Rental Subsidy
- » Eviction Prevention
- » Closing Costs & Down Payment Assistance
- » Foreclosure and Legal Assistance
- » Septic replacement and/or repair IHS (Indian Health Services)
- » Rehab Assistance

All program service Guidelines and required documents are available on the housing website for your convenience. For more information about the Housing Department and the services it provides or to recommend a training workshop, please contact the Housing Department Assistant Brenda Fernandez at (508) 477-0208 x104 or email her at bfernandez@mwtribe.com.

Be a Foster Parent



The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Department is looking for Tribal Members that are interested in making a profound impact on the lives of Tribal Youth by becoming a foster parent. The ICWA Department is in desperate need of individuals to step forward and give our children the warm, loving and safe home they deserve. You can be a child in needs voice. Please contact Catherine Hendricks ICWA Director for more information or to become a foster parent.

If you believe in instilling culture and traditions...

If you have the time and love...

If you are Native American...

Then please give us a call and ask how to become a foster parent today.

The MWT ICWA Department is located in the Community and Government Center at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649. You can also learn more online at www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com or by calling ICWA Director Catherine Hendricks at (508) 477-0208 x 144 or at catherinehendricks@mwtribe.com.

Three WLRP Info Sessions in May

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) will hold three information sessions in May. All of the upcoming info sessions will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will be held Tuesday, May 12 at the Falmouth Public Library; Thursday, May 14 at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center; and Thursday, May 21 at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center.

WLRP and Weetumuw Wôpanâak Charter School founding trustees are opening a year-round language immersion school in August 2016. The proposed public elementary school will enroll K-3 students for the 2016-2017 Academic Year, and will expand by one grade annually to serve middle school students. These public presentations by WWCS organizers will include a Q&A session about our project-based curriculum model and many other topics.

For more information and to get involved as a parent, adviser, or trustee please visit www.wlrp.org or call WWCS charter developer Jennifer Weston at (508) 477-0208 ext. 168.

Upcoming Info Session Dates:

Tuesday, May 12 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Falmouth Public Library

Thursday, May 14 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community & Government Center

Thursday, May 21 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community & Government Center

Notice from CCDF

The Cape Cod Child Development Fund waitlist is updated each July. If you would like to add your name to the waitlist for child care support, please contact Child Care Program Manager Marcy Hendricks at mahendricks@mwtribe.com or call (508) 477-0208 x 160 or you may contact Program Assistant Eileen Miranda at emiranda@mwtribe.com at (508) 477-0208 x 152. Also, please let us know if your contact information has changed

Tribe Receives Energy Efficiency Rebate for Community & Government Center

On April 21, the Cape Light Compact (CLC) - the region's primary electricity provider - presented our Tribe with a \$72,795 check and honorary plaque for our exemplary environmental stewardship in the building of an energy efficient Community & Government Center.

A brief ceremony was held to commemorate the occasion before Tribal members, local business leaders, and Mashpee town officials, which included four members of the Mashpee Board of Selectmen and a representative from Congressman Bill Keating's office.

In the design and construction of the Community & Government Center, we decided to participate in the CLC's regional Commercial New Construction Advanced Building Energy Efficiency Program. The program provides incentives for businesses and developers to go above and beyond state and local building codes as it relates to energy-efficiency. Our Tribe was recognized for constructing a building that has superior energy efficiency, responsibly uses energy resources, and supports the well-being of the building's occupants.

To earn the incentive, the Tribe had to meet specific energy efficient benchmarks in over a dozen areas - from high-efficiency lighting and controls, heating, cooling and ventilation to energy efficient window systems, insulation and including indoor air quality.

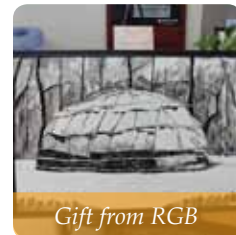
Besides the tens of thousands of dollars our energy-efficient building will save us in utility costs moving forward, what's even more important than the long-term economic benefits this provides is that we were able to integrate into this very building our commitment to be good stewards of the land that nourished our ancestors. Our ancestors are our guiding light.



In presenting the rebate check to the Tribe at the end of the ceremony, CLC Board Chairwoman Joyce Flynn said it was an honor to collaborate with us.

"Traditional reverence for the natural world and the Wampanoag's enduring cultural continuity are here given physical, architectural expression," Flynn said, thanking us "for setting a high standard for non-Wampanoag Cape Codders to follow."

Thank you to everyone who worked on bringing this to fruition: Our Facilities Director Michael Maxim; the building and maintenance staff; Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Jessie "Little Doe" Baird and of course our Owner's Representatives David Greene and John Racine with RGB who presented us with a fabulous rendering of a Wetu - the most environmentally-friendly "building" our Tribe has ever built.



Gift from RGB



Mashpee Nine: A Documentary Preview

On Friday, May 15, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. be among the first to see a video trailer prepared to preview audiences to a 40th anniversary retrospective documentary of the story of the Mashpee Nine. Members of the Mashpee Nine will also be available to answer questions about how their early morning arrest on July 29, 1976 for drumming on Mashpee Pond evolved into a high profile legal drama played out in the



Barnstable District Court. The ultimate triumph was a victory for the Mashpee Nine and for the Wampanoag rights to practice their traditions in their ancestral homeland.

Early guests will enjoy chowder and sassafras tea while it lasts. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted toward the completion of the documentary project.



Explaining Land in Trust and the “ROD”

A “Record of Decision” is a document prepared by a federal agency that outlines and explains an administrative decision or action. It is usually announced in a Federal Register notice. The “ROD” is the document that authorizes the agency to take steps to begin implementing a decision. In most cases, the ROD is preceded by the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). For many agency decisions, it is the preparation of the EIS that is the most time consuming part of the overall process.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to explore all alternatives and make every effort to choose an option that has the least impact to the environment. In our compact, we also agreed to go through a state review as well with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act office. It is worth noting also that state and federal agencies will not issue regulatory permits until these reviews are finished and certified.

In the case of our application, the state and federal environmental review process started in 2012 and ended earlier this year. The key milestones are summarized in the chart on the other side (or below). Much of the work in an EIS involves undertaking a certain amount of planning and preliminary design. In our case, we needed to come up with a preliminary casino plan, and then do

exhaustive studies on traffic, water, sewer and wetlands issues. Because this is our initial application and we are including land in Taunton, we needed to undertake additional historical studies.

For decisions involving the acquisition of land and development, the ROD will summarize the proposed action, the development plans, the various alternatives and impacts, the public hearings and comments provided, including letters of support from local officials, and the preferred alternative for the proposed action. It identifies the mitigation measures that are recommended, and reviews the legal aspects of the acquisition, and includes a summary of other submissions and evidence in support of the application.

With respect to land in trust acquisitions, the actual preparation of the ROD often involves the work of several agencies within the Department of Interior.

Often we get asked how long will it take for a ROD to be issued in Mashpee. Unfortunately, there is no simple answer.

When we look at other tribes and their land acquisitions, it really varies. It can depend on the nature of the acquisition, and the extent and complexity of development that is being proposed. Public opposition can often be a factor as well.

For example, with respect to the Cowlitz Tribe, their ROD is over 120 pages

long. The EIS was finalized in May 2008 and then the ROD was issued over two years later in December 2010. With some the process has been shorter, and with others it can take longer.

The good thing for us is the Department of Interior under President Obama has pledged to acquire over 500,000 acres by the time they leave office in 2016. It is an ambitious goal, but they have acquired over 300,000 acres so far. They have reformed the process so that tribal land in trust applications are now a top priority. Their record certainly bears that out.

A list of ROD examples

- » Cowlitz Tribe Applied for LIT in January 2002, Final EIS was published May 2008, ROD issued in December 2010.
- » The Oneida Trine 17,000 acres. DEIS 2006, FEIS completed in February 2008. ROD May 2008
- » Enterprise Rancheria of Mono Applied March 2005, FEIS August 2010. ROD November 2012
- » North Fork Rancheria EIS process started in 2004. ROD November 2012
- » Menominee Tribe Wisc, EIS started 2004.

Wampanoag New Year Celebration

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will celebrate the Wampanoag New Year on Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Indian Meeting House. The annual celebration, A Symbol of New Beginnings, is open to all Tribal Members, family and friends. Tribal Members are asked to wear traditional regalia if possible.

Following the ceremony at the Old Indian Meeting House (OIMH), the OIMH Committee invites everyone to activities and a reception with a pot luck luncheon at the Community and Government Center.

In addition to a potluck, there will be drumming, singing, and native crafts. The OIMH Committee hopes to see everyone and please bring your favorite dish to share.

Old Indian Meeting House Events

Here are the dates for this year’s Old Indian Meeting House events:

- May 2, 2015.....Wampanoag New Year Celebration
- July 19, 2015.....Blind Joe Amos Sunday
- August 16, 2015.....Richard Bourne Sunday
- Sept. 19, 2015.....Ancestor’s Day
- Nov.21, 2015.....Native American Thanks Giving

If you would like to schedule an event at the Old Indian Meeting House, please contact Committee Chairperson Carol Lopez at (508) 505-6693.

Memorial Brick applications are also available by contacting Carol Lopez, Pauline Peters at (508) 775-3026 or Anne Fox at the Community and Government Center. All applications should be returned to Carol Lopez.

WLRP Family Immersion Day

Come together to have family fun while learning your language at Wôpanâôt8âtôh Family Immersion Day. Family Immersion Day will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Watuppa Reservation in Freetown. Registration for the event is due by May 9. All ages are encouraged to attend this immersion day to challenge yourself and others to speak Wôpanâak for the day.

This is a free event with 3 blocks of classes, including one for 5-12 year olds. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Of course potluck items are welcomed, especially for those with dietary restrictions. It’s open to all members of a Wampanoag household, including non-tribal partners, step-children, foster parents, etc. Register online at www.wlrp.org/events.html or contact Tia Pocknett for more information at tpocknett@wlrp.org or call (508) 477-0208 ext. 176.

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Principles of Peacemaking

Previously we had set forth “Ten Principles of Peacemaking” by Douglas Noll. However, in the Mashpee Wampanoag Judicial Ordinance we had developed 4 of our own guiding principles for our people. We will be publishing them in a series. We hope you will read and enjoy them.

Harmony Principle: A positive, conscious, meaningful relationship between parties is valuable. For Mashpee peoples, harmony is achieved through “Weech-8humókane N8hswehtamuk” which means “a working together by people” by “observing the law.” Peacemaking encourages people to consciously solve their own problems by opening communications through respect, responsibility and good faith. It is conducted by the parties and accomplished by planning and group decisions for future action. By solving their own problems in peacemaking, people replace coercive decisions. Rather than judge people or force them unwillingly to do something, peacemaking addresses the consequences of people’s behavior and substitutes heal-

ing to remedy any harmful consequences. Peacemaking assists people to help themselves resolve conflict through self-healing measures. Peacemaking is based on healing the mind, body, and spirit to end conflict, rather than to continue conflict by the use of power, force and punishment. It allows individuals, groups of people and communities to take ownership of their problems and to solve them in ways which promote healthy relationships between and among the individuals and group. The objective is to achieve harmony and balance.

Principles of Peacemaking is part of a series submitted monthly by our Peacemakers.



Special Meeting at MWT Satellite Office in New Bedford

The Tribal Council will be hosting a special general meeting Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the New Bedford Office to discuss services, office use and office relocation. All Tribal members living in the New Bedford and surrounding areas are encouraged to attend. The New Bedford Office is located at 1913 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.