



# Nashauonk Mittark™

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## DRUM BEAT

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### Word from the Chairman

*Wuneekeesuq Nutuwam* ( Hello My Tribal Community):

On October 10, 11, and 12, the Mashpee Wampanoag will gather to start down the path toward true healing in the tradition of our ancestors, by gathering together to listen and learn and reconnect with our culture which is at the core of our being.

It is my hope that all tribal members will feel welcome and attend.

Pells or Oakley, Peters or Pocknett, Mills or Frye, Hendricks or Tobey, Hicks or Haynes... whatever your clan, you will be welcome in the circle so long as you leave any hostility and bad medicine on the outside. Bring only your good medicine, strong feelings, questions and open mind to this gathering of the people.

It will be a time to put politics and petty arguments aside and remember that we are tribal brothers and sisters.

It will be a time to show our young people that we can treat each other with respect and that they are part of a tribe they can be proud of.

It will be a time to show our elders respect and that all they have fought to preserve for us is not lost.

It will be a time for those of us who have been away from Mashpee, or shied away from the traditional circle to come home and be embraced in that circle.

It will be a time to recognize that we are all still good people with goodness in our hearts.

There have been many outside influences in recent times that have

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### Gathering to Promote Healing for the Mashpee Wampanoag

A focus on restoring and preserving traditional pride and knowledge will be the feature of a three day Unity Conference to be held on the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal grounds October 10 through 12.

The conference will begin each day with a Sunrise Ceremony in the traditional circle with the daily gathering for discussion beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the powwow grounds. A healing ceremony will also be held during the long weekend.

All tribal citizens from all tribal families are urged to take part.

“This will be a critical opportunity for us to continue the healing process after so many years of unrest in this community,” Tribal Chairman Cedric Cromwell said. “We all need to put aside our differences and listen to each other with our hearts and minds open.”

Each day there will be break out groups to discuss various topics from cultural to leadership issues. There will also be break out groups for men, women, elders and young people.

In this type of forum, everyone will have an opportunity to be heard and have their opinions respected as long as they are respectful in offering them.

While the discussion groups are for Mashpee Wampanoag only, all other activities are open to spouses, family and friends.



A potluck social will be held on Saturday and Sunday evening. Anyone who is planning to bring food should contact Bobby Foster who is coordinating the food effort. He can be reached at the tribal office at 508-477-0208 or on his cell phone at 774-238-2273.

Tents will be provided for meeting space and camping on the grounds will be available. Anyone in the community who has a spare bed available and can accommodate an elder should contact Russ Peters at 508-539-1717.

### On the Tribal Rolls At Last

After a long and frustrating wait – sometimes lasting several years - more than 200 tribal members had their status upgraded from “pending” to “active” after a new Enrollment Committee began to address a backlog of more than 900 applications.

“It hasn’t been for nothing that we have been fighting for this for so long,” said Ted Jonas, who was elated to get the news. “This makes me so happy.”

An active tribal member for years who always attended the annual Powwows, general meetings, and other tribally sponsored events, Ted carried a tribal identification card until it was taken away from him when he attempted to vote because his name



*Paul Jonas with his brother Ted Jonas (on right)*

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## October

- 3 Elder's Council, Tribal Headquarters 11 a.m.
- 10 Unity Conference, Tribal -12 Grounds
- 11 General Body meeting, location TBD

## November

- 7 Elder's Council, Tribal Headquarters 11 a.m.
- 8 General Body Meeting, location TBD
- 14 Cultural Day, Quashnet Valley School, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 14 Health Fair (rescheduled), Quashnet Valley School
- 15 General Body meeting, location TBD

## Editorial Staff

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*Tribal members who would like to submit items of interest for On the Drum Beat or news for Naushaonk Mittark should send their information to [sjonas@comcast.net](mailto:sjonas@comcast.net). The deadline to submit all edited copy is the first Friday of each month.*

## For the Record "Our Story" Correction

In the "Our Story" feature of the September newsletter, the Hollings brothers, Barry and Bing, were incorrectly referred to as the Hollis brothers. We apologize for the error and strive for accuracy in every edition.

- Aquilla Brylee Hendricks was born on August 24th at 9:30 p.m. weighing a glorious 6lbs/13oz. and long enough for her Giggy's arms to cradle at 19 ¾". Marcy Hendricks is the proudest Mom ever to have such a beautiful baby girl and MaDarius equally as proud to have a new Lil Sister, however, Winona "Noni" Hendricks is most blessed, saying the arrival of a Grandchild is one of God's Greatest Gifts, a feeling like no other, "Amazing, spectacular and all of those other great adjectives when you witness the birth of a Grandchild." I will call her "Sunny", because she is my Sunshine."
- Save the date for the 7th annual Wampanoag Cultural and Education Celebration Day on Saturday, November 14th at the Sons of Italy. Anyone interested in craft vendor space or helping with the event should contact Alice Lopez in the housing office.
- Applying to college or graduate school? The essay is one of the key elements of your application. It tells the admissions office what your grades and test scores may not. If there is enough interest, there will be a two-session workshop on effective essay writing for tribal members. Contact Morgan James Peters at [mpeters@umassd.edu](mailto:mpeters@umassd.edu) or 508-566-6264.
- **The Wampanoag Tribal Youth Program** is designed to service the needs of Cape Cod tribal youth and their families. Counseling services are available for school related and family matters. The goal of the program is to help students focus on positive activities in and out of school. For more information contact Gail Hill at 508-419-6017 x607.
- The Wampanoag Housing Department would like to thank the Blue Berry Girls from Sandwich for their wonderful donation of \$1,000 that will go towards a sign for our upcoming new housing development on Meetinghouse Road.
- The Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department will be posting Requests for Proposals for:
  - Permitting Consultant
  - Engineers Conceptual Architectural Designs for future housing
  - Final Architect
  - Proposals for a sign for the future Housing Development on Meetinghouse Road.
 If you are interested in submitting a proposal for any of the above, please contact Alice Lopez at 508-477-0208 ext.211.

## Committee Seats Open

The tribe is looking for members to serve on various committees to help advance important initiatives. Historically, our tribal government has been perched on a foundation of active committees made up of dedicated volunteers who bring their passion, skills and experience to serve the greater good. This is an opportunity for elders looking to remain active, young people looking to gain experience, or any tribal member with a few hours a month to devote to a tribal project or activity in which they have an interest.

- The **Newsletter Committee** is looking for tribal members who have interest in or experience in news gathering, writing, and/or editing. Members will be required to meet at least one time a month and complete assignments on deadline. Anyone interested should contact Tribal Councilor Selena Jonas at [sjonas@comcast.net](mailto:sjonas@comcast.net)
  - The **Youth Committee** is looking for tribal teens to discuss issues pertaining to tribal youth and help plan events and fundraisers. The committee meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Finance trailer. Interested teens should contact Tribal Councilor Gordon Harris at [gharris@mwtribe.com](mailto:gharris@mwtribe.com) or call him at 508-633-4295.
  - The **Interview Committee**, formerly known as the Personnel Committee, is responsible for conducting interviews with qualified candidates for posted positions within the tribal administration. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact tribal Executive Assistant Denise Hathaway at 508-477-0208, email: [dhathaway@mwtribe.com](mailto:dhathaway@mwtribe.com).
  - There is one opening on the **Elders Judiciary Committee** for a tribal elder age 55 and older. This committee is responsible for oversight of the tribe's judicial system. Interested Elders should contact Barbara Harris at 508-477-0208.
  - The newly formed **Community Center Design Team** needs members who will assist to develop and implement the cultural aspects of the interior and exterior of the proposed Tribal Community Center. Any tribal member with skills in cultural design, architectural background or just the desire to work on a project of intense pride to our people please contact: Treasurer Mark Harding at [mharding@mwtribe.com](mailto:mharding@mwtribe.com) or 774.238.9962
- All committee appointments are for tribal members and must be approved by Council.

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had been removed from the enrolled list without his knowledge.

"I could never understand what was the big problem," he said, "Dad was on, mom was on... but I don't want to dwell on sour grapes, I'm just happy."

Ted was one of many tribal citizens stuck on the pending list for years, as was one of his granddaughters who remained unenrolled despite her twin being on the actively enrolled list.

The list also includes three previous Powwow Princesses and the current Princess, Chelsie Miranda, who attended the September general meeting of the tribe with her mother Laura.

"This is just wonderful," said Laura, "at last."

Enrollment Director jessie little doe baired spoke at the tribal meeting about the process and gave credit to Carolyn Turner who pored through all of the pending applications and sorted them by date of completion so the Enrollment Committee can review them in order.

She explained that it is the responsibility of the Enrollment Committee to review and determine when a completed application meets the qualifications to approve citizenship in the tribe. The Enrollment Department then processes the approved applications and adds them to the tribal roll.

The Enrollment Committee, chaired by John "Jim" Peters, Jr., is dedicated to reviewing at least 50 applications each week until the back log has been eliminated. The committee is now working on applications completed in 2007. Many have been very easy to determine. Not only is the documentation complete and in order, but they are known to members of the committee and their family connection is an obvious matter of record.

"I can't understand why any of these people would have been held back," said jessie. Tribal members had been given numerous explanations for the backlog in the past, including being told that the Bureau of Indian Affairs needed to approve each application before an individual could be added to the roll. In fact, the BIA does not review individual applications for enrollment.



2009 Powwow Princess Chelsie Miranda with her mom, Laura Miranda.

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corrupted our shell. The noise has been so loud, that like the turtle, we have pulled our traditional arms and legs and head inside to shield ourselves.

But the turtle isn't dead. It only sleeps while we collect our thoughts in a quiet place where we can think and hear each other speak and come to reasonable conclusions about our future as a tribe, a united tribe, a stronger nation. Aho

*Kataputumuw,  
Qaqeemasq (Running Bear)*



Darryn Frye signing into last months general meeting welcomed by Council women Winnie Johnson and Cheryl Frye-Cromwell.

## WIA Hot Picks!

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Department assists with job opportunities, education and employment training support for the local Native American community.

**Tribal Court Clerk:** Twenty hours per week. Responsible for preparation, maintenance and case management of all files. Further description of job duties available on Tribal Office bulletin board. Reports to Chief Judge. Apply to Tribal Court or send a resume to Chief Judge Sockbeson at [hjsockbesonllc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hjsockbesonllc@sbcglobal.net)

**Office Manager/Bookkeeping:** Part time position for a building company. Need to have Excel, phone and organizational skills. \$17.50/hr send resume to PO Box 802 Mashpee MA 02649.

**Administrative Assistant:** Financial Services Practice is looking for a permanent part time position with general administrative duties. Hours and days are flexible. If interested please fax your resume and cover letter to 508-477-2776.

For more information about WIA job postings or services contact Angela Shwom at the tribal headquarters at 508-477-0208 ext. 206 or Amy Peters at ext. 226.

## Tribal IDs and Missing Citizens

Tribal citizens may obtain a tribal identification card at the Genealogy Office at Madaket Place on Route 28 in Mashpee weekdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost for an ID card is \$15.

The following tribal citizens' mail was returned undeliverable. Please contact the Enrollment Department if your name appears on this list or you are aware of the listed individuals' current address or other contact information. Our phone number is 508-477-5508.

Kim Gomes  
Messiah Grace  
Natasha Grace  
Ryan Hendricks  
Walkeena Hennessey  
Kerry Hurtt

Addison Jonas  
Gary Jonas  
Tyson Jones  
Marie Tobey  
Deja Vaughn  
Stephen Wixon



## In Our Own Words

peesh kumôâeemun: We (inclusive) are going to meet together

kuwôpanâmun: We are Wampanoag

m8hchee kuwt8ânumush: I must respect you

m8hchee kuwt8ânumeeh: You must respect me

m8hchee kuwt8ânumutumun: We must respect each other



*2007 Powwow Princess Brailyn Eileen Frye and sister Dominique Cheyenne Frye at last months tribal meeting.*