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Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutawâm (Greetings to my Tribal Community),

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Economic Development Committee recently took on the difficult task of researching and recommending a Federal Charter of Incorporation. I want to thank them for their hard work and good intentions in moving our Tribe forward. However, I cannot support the recommended charter in its current form.

I will not support giving up enumerated powers of the Tribal government to the Federal Charter Board of Directors.

While we have always been a distinct political entity, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Government as a recently recognized Tribe has a fairly new government system, and we are working towards continuous improvement to provide the best possible efficiency, procedures, and services to our constituents.

Our Tribal government, a representative democracy, is powerful because our people choose our leaders. The Mashpee Wampanoag people have a voice in Tribal decision making not only through regu-

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USDA Provides \$12.7 Million for Tribal Government and Community Center

The over 2,600 members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the over 11,000 American Indian/Alaska Native people living within the Tribe's five-county service area will soon benefit from the construction of new tribal community facilities that will include space for community activities, cultural programs, health services, library/archives and many of the Tribe's programs like housing, education, economic development, finance, development, ICWA, and others. The new Tribal Government & Community Center is made possible from a low interest Community Facilities



Direct Loan of \$12.7 million from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Loans & Grants program and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has worked tirelessly with the

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Tribes and Nike Team Up to Boost Kids' Activity

Sixty Mashpee Wampanoag Youth will receive financial assistance to participate in sports-related activities through a first of its kind Nike N7 "Wamps Can Do It" grant. The Nike N7 Fund and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council each provided \$7500 to fund this exciting program. Up to \$250 will be

provided to cover fees and other costs related to a sports program attended by each of the sixty Tribal children receiving the award. Participation in sports can be prohibitively expensive for lower income families; this program seeks to make sure Mashpee Wampanoag children are able to participate in

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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*

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.

Transitive Inanimate Verb Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Fridays - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry, *Mashpee Baptist Church*

Biweekly - 10:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m.

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

Monthly - 7:00 p.m.

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

Additional Events

October 9 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

November 12

Annual Wampanoag Cultural and Education Celebration Day, *Location TBA*

November 13 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*



* Congratulations to **Brailyn Eileen Frye**, granddaughter of the late Eileen E. Frye and Daniel Frye Sr. for successfully completing the Medical Assistant Program at Salter School in Fall River and a Clinical Internship at the Urgent Care Center in Barrington, RI. Brailyn enjoys working in the medical field and plans to pursue a career in nursing with a focus in substance abuse prevention and treatment.

* Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Labor Day Old Tymers softball game on Sunday September, 4th. Wayne Jackson, Sr., Kevin Hicks, Aaron Hendricks, Milteer Hendricks, Winona Hendricks, and Brian Tiexeira, Ronalda Whittigham and June Tiexeira for cooking!

* The Fifth Annual Wamp Pride Day 3on3 basketball tournament on August 20th was a huge success. 19 teams in the high school and open divisions participated. DJ Frye was there spinning the latest hits. Councilman Hendricks would like to thank all Tribal Sponsors, Joey's Septic Service, ELM Construction, Hendricks Enterprises and Wiz's Barber Shop, and other sponsors such as Boar's Head, Cape Cod Textile and Silva Asphalt Services, along with Missy Hendricks for cooking. Renee Pocknett handed out back to school products to 48 Tribal Youth.

* Congratulations to **Aislinn Michelle Hall**, granddaughter of Linda Carol Collins, on her graduation from Redding Christian School. Aislinn, former homecoming princess and honor society member will be attending Simpson University in Redding, CA this fall. Congratulations Aislinn.

* On August 20, 2011, **Alice Hammond Coombs Santos** turned 90-years-old. Family and friends, including her 91-year-old sister, Billie Tobey, gathered together to celebrate Alice's birthday. Happy birthday Alice!



Share Your News

The Mittark Committee would like to remind all Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Members to please submit news and photos to the committee for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. Please share your good news! Submissions may be sent via email to Councilwoman Selena Jonas at sjonas@mwtribe.com. Please send all photos as high resolution attachments.

Cranston Police Department Promotes Dan Nuey

Dan Nuey, son of Myrna Nuey (Black), clan mother of the Haynes/Mye family, is the first person of color to hold a management position in the Cranston Police Department's history. The Cranston Police Department is the 3rd largest Municipal Police Department in the State of RI and is comprised of 152 sworn men and women. Dan was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on August 23, 2011 at a ceremony at Cranston City Hall. Dan was first appointed to the Cranston, RI Police



Department in 2004 after serving 10 years at the Brown University Campus Police Department where he served as a patrolman and later

as one of two detectives in the department. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice at Roger Williams University in 2000 and then went on to earn his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice at Boston University in 2008.

When asked about his personal feelings on the promotion Dan said "This is a proud moment for both myself and for my family. I'm fortunate to be surrounded by such supportive individuals both at home and



Dan with his mom Myrna Nuey (Black)

at work." Dan was surrounded by all his loved ones on the historic day, including his 8 year-old son Daniel Jr. who couldn't have been more proud of his father. Dan says he is so proud to be part of the Native community and hopes to serve as a role model saying, "I hope others look at me and think if he can do it, I can do it too." Dan also stated a person's hard work will always eventually pay off, and that no matter what a person chooses to do as a career path, work hard, persevere through the "rough times" and always "look upward." "You can't always sit back and wait for people to give you something, you have to go out there and work hard for it. Education is the key."

Chairman's Message *(continued)*

lar meetings and hearings, but also through electing a Tribal Council and Officers. I cannot support weakening the Mashpee Wampanoag people's voice by giving up the enumerated powers of the Tribal government.

My recommendation is to build on the work of the Economic Development Committee to create a Tribally Chartered Corporation under Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Law, which will maintain the benefit of sovereign immunity under the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, governed under Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal law and our Tribal court. The Tribal Council will be the board of directors to provide governmental oversight, while the day to day operations and building of the economy is executed by a sub-board working team (the essence of the EDC).

With government being the responsible and accountable unit of the Mashpee Tribe and the Chairman being the lead executive of the Tribal Government, this plan ensures governmental oversight and accountability to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's citizens. Acceptance and approval or denial of sovereign rights must remain with the Tribal Council.

If the Tribal Council supports the invention of separate and equal board with enumerated powers that the Tribal Council possesses, this situation could become catastrophic for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Tribal government in the event that an economic venture is established that fails and is detrimental to the Tribe.

While I did not support the forward movement of the proposed Federal Charter, I ask that the Economic Development Committee continue its good work on behalf of the Tribe by focusing on the creation of a Tribal corporation, subject to our Tribal law, and led by whomever our people choose as our Council and Officers. I also ask that during this process, the EDC take care to involve Tribal citizens every step of the way by increasing communication throughout the process. Through this process, I believe that we can move forward in a way that will maximize our business opportunities while maintaining the specific sovereign rights afforded to our Tribe.

Kutâputunumuw;

Cedric Cromwell
Qaqemasq (Running Bear)

Housing Department Receives New Truck

The Housing Department has received a new Ford F-150 truck, which they have named "Alice's Work Horse." This brand new Ford F150 4x4 is a delight and a necessity to the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department. While some Housing employees are able to use our personal vehicles, this truck is a great asset that will allow us to do much more in serving our Tribe.

Let me just boast about the efforts made by former Housing In-

terim Director, Leon Jacobs and his honesty, respect and love for Mashpee Wampanoag People and his devotion to Indian Country.

One of the many needs he has addressed is transportation. Having this truck helps fill that need and lets us move forward as a stronger department.

By Winona Hendricks



Health Department Update

Tribal Health Department has moved into the New Health Administration and Clinic Buildings located at 483 Great Neck Road in Mashpee. Medical services are expected to begin operation in January 2012. Dental services will begin in July 2012. Health staff are currently on site to assist in obtaining health insurance through the Mass Health program, and the Contract Health Service program still offers prescription, medical and dental co-pay assistance. Please come by and see our first-ever Health Clinic and meet the newest staff members including our very own Primary Care Physician, Dr. Sandra Bender. There will be a presentation at the November Monthly Membership meeting and we are planning a Celebration Ceremony in December for all to cel-

ebate this historic time in bringing quality healthcare to our members.

Phone numbers

Main: (508) 539-6967

Administration: (508) 477-6912

Clinic Building: (508) 539-2561

The Emergency Preparedness Program needs volunteers to join the Tribal Emergency Management team. If you are interested please contact Robert Hendricks at rhendricks@mwtribe.com or call (774) 238-6378. Outreach Specialist Brenda Richerson is updating the Emergency Preparedness database with accurate address and contact information. Please contact Brenda if your contact information has changed at bricherson@mwtribe.com or (774) 238-6116.

Enrollment Office Closed on Saturdays

The enrollment office will no longer be open the second Saturday of each month. The office has canceled its Saturday hours until January 2012. For more information, please contact the Enrollment Office at (508) 477-6160. Current hours for the office are below.

Enrollment Office

Open Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

I.D. Cards 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
\$15.00 per Adult and Minor

No Charge for Elders (55+)

766 Falmouth Road/Route 28
Madaket Place Unit A3

Phone: (508) 477-6160
Fax: (508) 477-6235

IN THE NEWS

Summer Turtle Program a Huge Success

The Wampanoag Turtle Project 2011 is the big sister of the Mashpee Wampanoag TURTLE project that began in 1995. The idea then and now is to instill in our children a real sense of who they are by immersing them in the traditional values and practices of the Wôpanâak. Recently, while working in the Tribal Council Office i came

across a handmade thank you card that was made by the children of the original TURTLE year. On the front of the card is a photo from the Mashpee Enterprise. In the picture are me holding my now 20 year-old Rachael, Bonnie Boardley, my now 26 year-old apprentice speaker and daughter Tracy Kelley, Mother Bear, who was the Co-founder of the project



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Summer Turtle Program a Huge Success *(continued)*

and Julian (Beefcake), Mother Bear's grandson.

Then and now we had a desire to teach language. The language project was only two years old and yet we were teaching and the children were learning. This Summer's Turtles, all 22 of them, had some benefits however that have come with time, trained Algonquian linguists, but more importantly, four very good speakers of the language who are currently employed by the Master/Apprentice ANA funded project, Nuwôpanôôt8âm. The children surprised us in the amount of language material that they were able to absorb and use. Next time we will definitely incorporate more rich language curriculum.



We were also lucky to have four individuals as Turtle assistants that really put our program over the top. We were joined by Brian Weeden, Cameron Greendeer, Douglas Pocknett, Jr. and Eleanor (Toodie) Coombs. Together we swam, learned to give thanks in our own language, to introduce ourselves in language and had traditional thanksgiving ceremonies. Each day our children learned the responsibility that accompanies the privilege of ceremony and community and each day they rose to the challenge of cooperation, Love, sharing, and Respect. The children assisted in the morning with smudging the others in the community. The older ones helped with the younger, and for the first time in probably over a century the children of Mashpee, Assonet, Aquinnah and Herring Pond had ceremony together.



Today, as in 1995, while the children practically focused on learning about flora and fauna, on creating family trees based upon their ancestry charts provided by Rita Lopez, Director of Enrollment, and the structure of Clans by listening to Mother Bear, making their own pucker-toe moccasins, medicine bags, and family books in the language, they focused inwardly on something far more precious: being together, learning the concepts of Respect in the face of dis-



agreement and bonding with each other. The program celebrated its conclusion with a clambake hosted by the children and attended by their families as well as honored Elders, the Drum, and several Council members. The children presented Chairman Cromwell a thank you card after they presented some of their final projects.

These are the things that many of my generation, as children, were given by our parents. We par-



icipated in cultural activities, fishing trips, days at the beach, and trips to other tribal communities. Those individuals became the strongest leaders of our community. In my observations, it is the formative years that our parents gave us in Mashpee, all together, as one People, one generation of children learning together, that made us the strong leaders that we are today. It is my opinion that the most significant investment that we can and must make in our future is to provide the future with Wampanoag people that have been raised within a Wampanoag community.

By jessie little doe baird

Immeasurable thanks go to the following individuals:

Tony Perry, parent volunteer
Leslie Jonas, parent volunteer
Jason Steiding, parent volunteer and grounds maintenance
Mother Bear, Clan Mother volunteer educator
Errol Hicks, Respected Elder and volunteer environmental educator
Earl Mills, Jr., Respected Tribal citizen and clambake volunteer
Kevin Hicks, Sr., Respected Tribal citizen and clambake volunteer
Russell Peters, Jr., Respected Tribal citizen and singer
Judi Urquhart, WLRP treasurer and grant writer for TURTLE
Melanie Roderick, WLRP president, language apprentice, and TURTLE staff
Nitana Hicks, language apprentice, and TURTLE staff
Tracy Kelley, language apprentice, and TURTLE staff

Positions Open for Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health and Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod Partnership

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod (HPCCC) are making progress in the development of "Wuneeshkeety" (Good Medicine), our new collaborative tribal hospice program. The program is specially designed for Tribal Members experiencing the impact of serious illness or loss.

We are currently seeking to fill three per diem positions in order to provide staffing for the hospice program: a home health aide (HHA), a registered nurse (RN), and a social worker (SW). These members of the Wuneeshkeety team, in collaboration with the hospice Medical Director and tribal medicine people, will develop and deliver individualized care plans. Preference will be given to Tribal Members who hold the appropriate qualifications for the jobs. Job descriptions are available at www.hospicecapecod.org and at www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com

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In keeping with the hospice model, Wuneeshkeety will address the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of Tribal Members and their loved ones. The hospice team is interdisciplinary and includes nurses, spiritual care coordinators, home health aides, social workers, volunteers, and other professionals as deemed necessary to address unique needs. The program provides eligible tribal members with a full range of services including prescriptions, durable medical equipment (such as hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers and commodes) and the interdisciplinary team of health care professionals.

Tribal Health leaders and Advisory Committee Chair Steve Helme have been working closely with HPCCC staff for over a year to

create this innovative model. During this time, seven tribal families have received the benefits of hospice services. In keeping with HPCCC's unique "Open Door Philosophy" the program goal is to serve all Tribal Members who are eligible, regardless of complexity of care needs, any special treatments or therapies received, or ability to pay.

Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Tribal Council Health Liaison, is leading the task force on behalf of the Tribe. Cromwell says, "We encourage Tribal Members with CNA, RN or MSW credentials to apply for these positions as soon as possible. It's a great opportunity to be a vital part of the future of health care for our community."

Please call our new Health Center at (508) 477-6912 for more information and a consultation.

Applications Available for Native Tribal Scholars

Beginning October 1, applications will be available for the Native Tribal Scholars Program for the upcoming school year. Enrolled Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal students currently in grades 9 -11 are eligible. Application deadline is October 31. For an application or more information contact Gail Hill or Renee Pocknett in the Education Department or email nativetribalscholars@umb.edu.



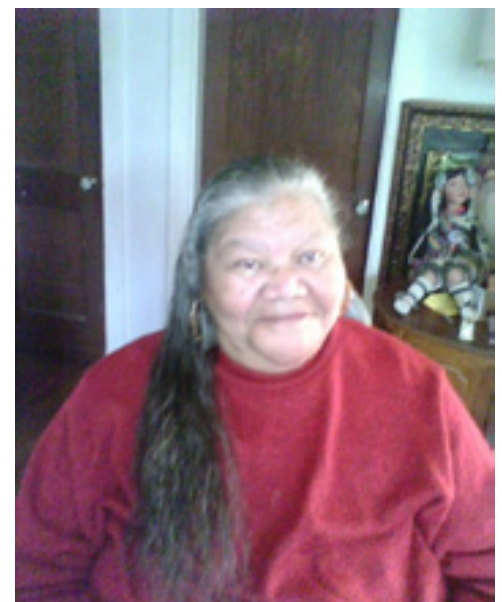
Grace Mae Pocknett 1935 - 2011

Grace Mae Pocknett died August 24, 2011. Born on October 12, 1935, she was an elder of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and child of Amanda E. and Lafayette Hicks. The Lord has called his child home.

Grace is survived by five of her children, George Maddox, Jr., Charlene Maddox, Thomas Maddox, all of Mashpee, Clyde Maddox of Michigan and Winona Pocknett of Mashpee. Also survived by her siblings, Donald Hicks, Estella Booker, Lafayette R. Hicks, Nellie Ramos, Brenda Richerson, as well as 16 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 27, 2011, at 1 p.m.

in the Old Indian Church, with burial in the Old Indian Cemetery.



Tribe and Nike Team Up to Help Kids Play in Sports *(continued)*

sports regardless of family income. With median household income levels for Mashpee Wampanoag tribal members at only slightly over \$29,000.00 annually, sports related costs for tribal children can be out of reach for some tribal families.

Encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle is a priority of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council. "Giving our youth the opportunity to be involved in sports, regardless of whether they can afford the fees, is incredibly important," stated Tribal Chairman Cedric Cromwell. "We know that involvement in sports helps kids learn how to be active and make healthy choices, and it also increases their self-confidence, teaches them leadership and teamwork, and promotes discipline and a strong work ethic. These are skills that will serve our youth well throughout their lives as they become the next generation of tribal leaders."



The Tribe's ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of tribal youth includes many active and healthy lifestyle events each year including the Martha's Vineyard Youth Conference (providing alternatives to teen pregnancy, substance abuse and bullying); the Tribal Youth Conference (providing health & fitness experi-

ences such as rope climbing, with team building, and Native American 'talking circles' for tribal youth); Career Awareness Youth Workshops (focusing on Health careers); Tutoring (offered to tribal students); and the Spirit Lake Basketball Tournament - an inter-tribal athletic event.

The NIKE N7 Fund provides product donations and grants to Native American and Aboriginal communities in support of sports and physical activity programs for youth. Its goal is to help unleash a child's potential through the power of sport.



Native Family Support Group

A Native family support group is being planned for those who have a loved one addicted to alcohol and/or drugs.

1. Do you have a loved one who is addicted to alcohol?
2. Do you have a loved one who is addicted to drugs?
3. Do you have a loved one who is addicted to both alcohol and drugs?
4. Have you tried everything to get them to stop? Or have you ex-

perienced grief because you lost a loved one to their addiction?

Tribal families struggle every day when they have a loved one who is actively addicted to alcohol and drugs, or have suffered loss due to the addiction. This is a support group for you.

You are not alone. Help and support is available. For more information, please contact Pumukqien Collins in the Tribal Health Department.

Annual Wampanoag Cultural and Education Celebration Day

Tentative date:
Saturday Nov 12, 2011.
Location: TBA

We will be accepting donations for the Annual Penny Sale including gift certificates, household items, and monetary donations. All proceeds will support the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Program and will be used for members who do not qualify for HUD funds.

Tribally Owned Businesses – New Additions

Painting/Carpentry:
Wixon Painting
Darrel Wixon
(508) 292-6981
Mashpee, MA

Carpentry/Remodeling:
Erinna Construction Services
Lynne Santos-Erinna
(978) 478-8215
Haverhill, MA



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USDA Provides \$12.7 Million for Community Center *(continued from cover)*

local, state, regional and national offices of the USDA over the last year to secure the awarded opportunity for the Tribe. Led by USDA's Rural Development State Director Jay Healy, and Director of Community Programs, Daniel Beaudette, and Director of Business & Cooperative Programs (and formerly Native American Liaison for USDA) Jen Lerch, the USDA closed the Direct Loan with the Tribe on September 16th 2011.

The USDA has a commitment to assuring low and moderate income rural communities, like



the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, can build the needed community facilities — such as health care clinics, police and fire stations, schools and child care centers — that are essential to the quality of life in any rural community. Through its Community Facilities Loan Program, USDA Rural Development is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural Americans. The commitment of USDA to this effort is at the core of its mission and its promise

to help build stronger, more vibrant rural communities across the nation.

The new building will be constructed over the next two years at 483 Great Neck Road South in Mashpee. It will provide space for community gatherings, elder activities, youth activities, sports/wellness programs, among many other services for many decades to come. This first of its kind project for the Tribe provides a place and a way for the Tribe to continue to expand the services it offers benefiting tribal members, American Indian/Alaska Natives and its neighbors in southeastern Massachusetts.

