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Chairman's Column



Dear Tribal Family,

As the seasons change once again, I am reminded of the positive changes we are going through as a strong tribal nation. We are persevering and progressing at a rapid speed and making history in the process.

The Community and Government Center construction is right on schedule and near completion thanks to the hard work and dedication of our construction team and tribal members. This facility will become home to our tribal offices and court system. It will be a place for tribal members to gather, get services and come to work. The progress of the Center has been amazing to watch, as we have been able to see an idea become reality each day.

Another important construction project began this month as well; the ground breaking ceremony for the first ever Mashpee Wampanoag tribal housing development took place. The housing development will consist of 50 to 55 housing units and a community center and will be built on 23 acres off of Meetinghouse Road. The ceremony was held in honor of my friend and sister the late Alice Lopez, who dedicated her time and leadership to the Housing department and housing development project. She led the way on this development and we honor her memory through this project.

In addition to the progress of our tribal operations, we are also moving

Gaming Commission to Release 1 License

On Monday, September 30 the Massachusetts Gaming Commission announced that there is only one license application for a destination resort casino in southeastern Massachusetts. This is good news and continues to be positive movement for the Tribe and reaffirms the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe are in the strongest position for developing a destination resort casino in the region.

It is unfortunate that the Gaming Commission fell to political pressure to open up Region C for a commercial license. They took this step over opposition from the Massachusetts Governor, legislators, casino operators and comments from the community. Their actions have raised the risky prospect of a fourth casino in the region. The Commission has even tilted the playing field by making it easy for other applicants to compete. Unfortunately, we have faced obstacles like this before, but we are determined to overcome them.

The market clearly recognizes that the Mashpee Wampanoag have made significant

progress -- with a strong investment team, the perfect site in Taunton, a host agreement, an overwhelming local vote of support, and clear advancement in the permitting process. Now that the market has confirmed the Tribe's progress and our strong position, it opens the doors to future work between the Tribe and Commission. It's the position of the Tribe that a joint effort as partners will result in additional economic opportunity for the Tribe and the rest of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Currently, the Tribe has before the legislature a compact agreement that gives the state over \$2.1 billion, targeting funds for education, economic development, transportation - and over \$300 million to southeastern Massachusetts.

Chairman Cedric Cromwell and the Tribal Council continue to work closely with Governor Patrick and the Legislature to develop a mutually beneficial relationship and hope to bring the Commission into this partnership -- we look forward to breaking ground and bringing thousands of jobs to our people and to the Commonwealth.

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Recognized as Champion of Healthcare Coverage

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius recently recognized the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe along with four other groups as Massachusetts Champions for Coverage. The Tribal Health Mass Health Outreach and Enrollment program under the Tribe stood out among other organizations and businesses in the State because of our commitment to volunteering and helping community members without affordable insurance learn more and get coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, which opened for business October 1, 2013 and will give consumers a whole new way to shop and purchase affordable, high quality health coverage.

"A network of volunteers on the

ground in every state - health care providers, business leaders, faith leaders, community groups, advocates, and local elected officials - can help spread the word and encourage their neighbors to get enrolled," said Secretary Sebelius.

Champions for Coverage include national and local businesses and organizations - bloggers, community health centers, hospitals, communities of faith, and civic organizations. They will use publicly available materials from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) - both digital and in print - to help members of their communities understand their new options through the Marketplace. There are many ways these organizations are helping,

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Events Calendar

New Events

- October 26 - 2:00 p.m. to Dusk
Granny Squannit Day, *Maushop Farm*
- November 10 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
General Body Meeting,
Mashpee High School
- November 10 and 11
Peacemaking Training,
Rod N Gun Club, South Sandwich Road
- November 24 - 11:00 a.m.
Annual Thanks Giving Celebration,
Old Indian Meeting House

Weekly Events

- Thursdays - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wamp Support Group, *Old Indian Meeting House*
- Monthly - 7:00 p.m.
Chiefs Circle, *Old Indian Meeting House.*
It is held the first Tuesday of the month.

Language Classes

- 3-Day Family Language Immersion
Weekend - September 13 to 15
Camp Good News, Forestdale, MA Visit
WLRP.org or call
(508) 419-6281 for more details and
upcoming language classes.



Tribal Announcements

- » Congratulations to **Brittany Tobey** on the birth of her daughter, Lilianna Marcia Tobey. Lilianna was born August 19 at 5:05 PM and weighed a healthy 7lbs. 1oz. Lilianna is the granddaughter of Yvonne Tobey.
- » First-grader **Malana Graham**, 6, expressed delight as she reeled in a Sand Shark on the Turtle Camp fishing trip in August. Malana is the daughter of Councilwoman Winnie Johnson-Graham and Marlon Graham. Great catch Malana.



Lilianna Marcia Tobey:
born August 19 at 5:05 PM



Malana Graham with the Sand Shark
she caught!

- » Congratulations to **Johnathan** and **Jacob Austin**. The Austin boys are the State Champions of Bicycle Motocross (BMX). Johnathan and Jacob are the sons of Jessica and Jason Austin and grandsons of the late John Newcomb. Both Johnathan (age 8) and Jacob (age 13) took first place. Congratulation is also in order for younger brother Jack (age 6) who took second place during the Massachusetts State Championship Series.
- » Congratulations to **Nancy Frye Joseph** and **John G. Rose Jr.**, who were united in a spiritual and loving wedding ceremony. Chairman Cedric Cromwell presided over the ceremony and Vice Chair Jessie Little Doe Baird offered a traditional blessing in both Wampanoag and English languages. Their strong connection to their family and ancestors will continue to guide them in good times and support them in times of need with loving medicine. Congratulations!

- » Congratulations to Tribal Youth **Wayne Jackson Jr.**, **Chyla Hendricks**, **Chenoa Peters**, **Jayda Gipson**, **Brianna Cheatham** and **Maria Gowdy** on being elected to the Student Government at Mashpee Middle School. In the grade 7 elections, Chenoa was elected president, Jayda was elected vice president and Maria was chosen for secretary. In the grade 8 elections Chyla was elected Secretary and Brianna was chosen as Treasurer. And Wayne Jackson was elected 9th grade class president. Keep up the good work young leaders.



Austin brothers with their BMX State Championships!

Tribe Seeks to Appoint two Tribal Members to the Gaming Authority

The Mashpee Wampanoag Gaming Authority Board of Directors is responsible for the development and oversight of the Project First Light Destination Resort & Casino, located in Taunton, MA

On January 9, 2013 the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council approved 2013-ORD-001, which created the Mashpee Wampanoag Gaming Authority (MWTGA), by ordinance. The MWTGA is an unincorporated limited liability entity wholly-owned entity of the Mashpee Wampanoag Indians, that will, subject to the limitations herein contained (i) act as an arm and an instrumentality of the Tribe to exercise the powers herein granted with respect to the Gaming Facilities, the Gaming Enterprise and the Gaming Enterprise Assets, and (ii) exercise and enjoy with respect to the foregoing all incidents of tribal sovereignty and powers, while providing insulation to the government and members of the Tribe from liabilities and obligations arising from the Gaming Enterprise. The MWTGA is the entity which owns and will operate the Project First Light Destination Resort and Casino. The MWTGA Board of Directors consists of a five (5) member board including the currently elected Tribal Council Chairman, Treasurer and one appointed Tribal Councilor, with openings for two (2) other appointed Tribal Members to be determined.

Currently the MWTGA meets on a regular weekly basis, in addition to other scheduled activities as the need arises. Meetings are held in the MWTGA Office located at 1 Knotty Walk, in Taunton, MA, unless otherwise determined in advance to meet at the Tribal Executive office in Mashpee.



The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council seeks to appoint two (2) additional Tribal members to the MWTGA to serve as voting members of the Board of Directors. Initially the positions will require a minimum of 8 to 10 hours per week and can increase up to 16-35 from time to time.

Compensation for the appointments has been set at \$30.00 per hour as an annual renewable contractor plus reimbursement of travel expenses. The job description is available at the front desk of the Tribal Administration offices located at 766 Falmouth Road/Unit A4 as well as posted on the Tribal website. Persons interested are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council c/o Executive Administrative Assistant Frances Dottin, FDottin@mwtribe.com or by mail Frances Dottin, 483 Great Neck Road-South, Mashpee, MA 02649

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forward with our gaming venture as well. The compact between our Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is moving through the legislature. The Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies voted to approve our compact and move it forward toward a vote in the House of Representatives and the Senate and then eventually toward a signing by Governor Patrick. This is just one step closer toward our goal of the destination resort casino in Taunton.

As I stated before, we are advancing quickly as a strong tribal nation and making history in the process. While these progressions are important, it is also important to remember our health in the process. I have learned this month, to work hard but take time to rest as well. Remember to exercise and eat nutritious foods, as these are the keys to healthy living. You can only continue to move forward with a healthy mind, body and soul!

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Cedric Cromwell
Qaqemasq (*Running Bear*)

Peacemaking Training November 10 and 11

The Peacemaking Training will be held on Sunday, November 10 and Monday, November 11 at the Rod N Gun Club, South Sandwich Road, Mashpee, MA. If you are interested in learning more about the training for more information, please call Danielle Hill at Tribal Court (508)-539-1085 ext. 103.

BY AUSTEN J. BRAUKER and PATRICK D. WILSON, PEACEMAKERS LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

All is connected within the sacred circle. All things and all beings belong somewhere within it and are a vital part of the whole. The circle is

dynamic and transformative and will have an impact on the participants when used in a positive way. It is a powerful tool and because of this power, must be administered appropriately by circle keepers. These facilitators must let the circle move in its own direction, but also keep the space somewhat directed, without coercing the energy of the participants, forcing the communication that occurs or actively manipulating the people involved. Judgments are not productive, but subtle suggestions or observations may prompt participants at times, if they are done from a kind and caring place.



Wampanoag Muhsh8n to be on display at NMAI

A Muhsh8n made in the traditional way of our ancestors by Tribal Members - using fire, stone and shell tools - was delivered to Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian's storage facility in Suitland, MD on September 6. A ceremony and social feast of appreciation followed the delivery of the 17-foot dugout canoe fashioned of white pine.

The vessel was officially handed over by Plimoth Plantation Wampanoag Indigenous Program (WIP) Director Darius Coombs to National Museum of American Indians (NMAI) Director Kevin Gover as a permanent gift to the Washington DC museum.

The gift has been planned for more than two years and gave Darius and the WIP staff an opportunity to create the finest Muhsh8n anyone can recall in many years of making the boats on the Eel River site at Plimoth Plantation.

"We are extremely proud of this Muhsh8n and the fact that it will be displayed at NMAI to represent our heritage for so many to see," Darius said.

Darius, accompanied by Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Members Marcus Alexander Hendricks and Philip Wynne, and also Brian Bartibogue of the Mi'kmaq nation drove the 400-pound Muhsh8n to the NMAI storage facility in an enclosed truck.

Once the group arrived at the facility, where literally hundreds of thousands of American Indian artifacts are stored, museum staff including members of various indigenous tribes from across the country as well as a few familiar faces that greeted them. In the crowd of people that gathered to welcome the deliver were Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Members John "Jim" Peters, Paula Peters and Felicia "Bingham" Howey.

"This is just so historic and I am so proud of all the effort Darius and his staff

put into this," said Felicia who traveled from her home in Virginia after reading about the event in a newspaper.

The Muhsh8n will remain in the storage facility to be officially cataloged and will be stored in a freezer for several days to eliminate the danger of introducing any insects into the Museum. Ultimately it will be put on public display on a date to be announced along with a video that was created documenting the Muhsh8n making process.



LIHEAP Program: Applications Accepted October 1 to October 31

Home energy assistance is available for eligible Tribal Families in need of assistance paying their home heating bill. If you can't afford to pay your energy bill, your home may not be safe and you may be at risk of serious illness or injury. Please do not wait until you've run out of fuel or your heat has been turned off.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help keep you and your family safe and healthy. Application for LIHEAP are being accepted from October 1 to October 31.

What is LIHEAP

LIHEAP is a federally-funded program that helps low-income households with their home heating bills, LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter, by doing so, you can reduce the risk of health and safety problems (such as illness, fire, eviction).

Who is Eligible

- ✓ Those who meet the State and/or Tribal
- ✓ Income Guidelines
- ✓ Elderly within the guidelines
- ✓ Veteran within the guidelines
- ✓ Family with child under 5—within the

guidelines

- ✓ Unemployed and within guidelines
- ✓ Heat is not included within your rent and you meet the guidelines

What Information do You Need to Apply

- ✓ Recent copy of your primary heating/ utility bill
- ✓ Recent payroll stub for everyone in household 18 years of age and over (income will be calculated on a yearly net income basis)
- ✓ Documentation showing Social Security, Unemployment, Pension fund, Disability, Self-employment (1099), businesses owned companies
- ✓ Final Utility Termination Notice (Shut-off notice)
- ✓ Proof of present address, Mortgage Bill/Deed, Lease, Property Tax Bill
- ✓ Proof of total members living in your household (School Records, Tax Records, etc.)
- ✓ Proof of Citizenship (Green Card),

Tribal ID for all household members

For more information or to apply, please feel free to call Joanne Frye at (508) 419-6017 Ext 600.

LIHEAP is now serving Barnstable, Plymouth, Bristol, Norfolk and Suffolk Counties.

Stay warm this winter with

LIHEAP



Wraparound Services Initiative

In an effort to streamline our service delivery, both internal and external, the tribe will be implementing a “wraparound service process”. This process will assist tribal members and their families in obtaining as many resources as needed in a more efficient and collective manner.

The wraparound services process aims to achieve positive outcomes by providing a structured, creative, individualized plan and team, to manage and measure progress throughout the time the tribal citizen is involved. Through the team-based planning and implementation process, wraparound also aims to develop the problem-solving skills, coping skills and self-efficacy by offering workshops hosted by other departments or outside agencies.

Through this national wraparound service model we feel very confident that this will be beneficial to tribal citizens in such a way that eventually the support, guidance,

resources, life skills training and respect that one will receive during this process, will become a strong building block toward setting and reaching goals as well as their hopes and dreams.

We will soon provide a full-time Wraparound Service Resource Specialist who will be a key team leader of the tribal member’s support system when enrolled in the wraparound services process.

The WASRS will act as a care coordinator who will be responsible for conducting intakes, identifying service needs, and coordinating eligible resources for Tribal individual(s) and their families. The wraparound service process will initiate a working plan that is “strengths based” and “family initiated” and will meet basic wellness needs in all aspects of one’s life.

The WASRS will work together with the families to guide them in accessing services and resources, both with internal de-

partments and external agencies. The WASRS will facilitate the development, coordination, implementation, management, evaluation, and revision of each individual (s) plan, while providing leadership and expertise on how the tribal Individual (s) and their families can obtain and maintain the skills, tools and knowledge needed to secure a well balance and self-sustainable outcome.

We have also provided a list of Tribal department services below. This will be an ongoing effort to provide as many resources to our tribal families. A handbook will be developed so each department and outside communities will be well aware of the services and partnerships that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe provide.

For more information on the process and the job opportunity please contact Cheryl Frye-Cromwell at (508) 477-6912 or email cheryl-frye-cromwell@mwtribe.com.

Tribal Departments

- ✓ Tribal Health
- ✓ Tribal Human- Social Services
- ✓ Indian Health Services- Contract Health, Medical, Dental and Behavioral Health
- ✓ Tribal Indian Child Welfare
- ✓ Tribal Education-Childcare, Scholarships
- ✓ Tribal Housing
- ✓ Tribal Employment and Training (W.I.A.)
- ✓ Tribal Emergency Preparedness
- ✓ Tribal Public Works
- ✓ Tribal Elder’s Council, Elders Committee
- ✓ Tribal Youth- Cultural Youth
- ✓ Tribal Enrollment
- ✓ Tribal Historic preservation
- ✓ Tribal Language
- ✓ Tribal New Bedford Satellite Office
- ✓ Tribal Finance
- ✓ Tribal Court
- ✓ Tribal Natural Resources

Tribal Health

- ✓ On-site Health Insurance Enrollment
- ✓ Disability, Unemployment and Veteran’s health insurance enrollment application assistance
- ✓ SNAP- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program application
- ✓ WIC- Woman, Infant and Children nutrition program - on site 2nd Wednesday of each month.
- ✓ Referrals and Resources medical, dental and wellness services
- ✓ Advocacy and Outreach support services- hospital/home visits, care packages for SA/MH Clients in treatment. After-care plans,
- ✓ Essential medical transports via Public transportation and Volunteer drivers
- ✓ Transportation to and from SA -Treatment centers and Behavioral counseling services
- ✓ Health and Wellness promotion
- ✓ Volunteer caregivers program
- ✓ Sober Home Support
- ✓ **Indian Health Service- Clinic**
- ✓ Primary medical care
- ✓ Behavioral Health Services-on site

- ✓ Counseling-advocacy and referrals to SA/MH services
- ✓ Laboratory services
- ✓ Nurse case management
- ✓ Dental - On site services
- ✓ Contract Health Services- medical, dental, prescription and optical I co-pay assistance - Appointment Only

ICWA- Human Service

- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Referrals and collaborations
- ✓ Counseling referrals
- ✓ Parenting classes
- ✓ Respite care support
- ✓ Foster care resources
- ✓ Family Planning workshops
- ✓ Legal consultation
- ✓ Train foster/adoptive parents

Education

- ✓ Educational Support k-12 and college
- ✓ I.E.P. - Individual Educational Plan
- ✓ Legal Support
- ✓ Cultural programming
- ✓ College awareness/access
- ✓ Financial Aid for Higher Education
- ✓ Basic education classes
- ✓ One-on-one tutoring
- ✓ Referrals and collaboration with agencies

Childcare

- ✓ Childcare resources/referrals
- ✓ Vouchers for childcare- homecare- kinncare-center care
- ✓ Childcare provider training
- ✓ Parent advocacy
- ✓ Referrals to outside childcare

Employment and Training

- ✓ Job search
- ✓ Career training opportunities
- ✓ Vocational careers and training
- ✓ Resume building
- ✓ Mock interviews
- ✓ Job fairs
- ✓ Limited transportation/ childcare services
- ✓ General Education Diploma preparation

Housing

- ✓ Advocacy for housing search assistance for land and housing court issues

- ✓ Application support
- ✓ Referrals to homeless resources
- ✓ Rental Assistance program
- ✓ Limited First, last, security assistance
- ✓ Home buyers assistance program
- ✓ First-time home buyers 184 program
- ✓ Financial literacy classes
- ✓ Weatherization and rehab services
- ✓ Referrals and collaboration with agencies
- ✓ **LIHEAP**
- ✓ Financial Assistance for utility expenses
- ✓ Advocacy and referral for outside resources
- ✓ Assistance for reduced utility rates
- ✓ **Emergency Preparedness**
- ✓ Advocacy to all elders 55 and older
- ✓ Emergency and educational resources
- ✓ Emergency calls and assistance
- ✓ Referrals and collaboration with agencies
- ✓ Emergency Backpacks for Elders and disabled
- ✓ **Elders**
- ✓ Food pantry
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Advocacy and referrals for social needs
- ✓ Social activities and meetings
- ✓ **Youth**
- ✓ Advocacy and Support for all
- ✓ Youth activities for ages 17 and younger
- ✓ Cultural Youth activities
- ✓ **Planning and Development**
- ✓ Grant opportunity access
- ✓ Strategic Planning support
- ✓ Budgeting and reporting guidance
- ✓ Grant research
- ✓ Advocacy in building program and capacity
- ✓ **Veteran’s Advocacy Program**
- ✓ Advocacy and support for all
- ✓ Referrals to Tribal and outside resources
- ✓ **Enrollment**
- ✓ Enrollment Applications
- ✓ Enrollment Identification cards
- ✓ **Language**
- ✓ On-going language classes at all levels, summer camps, immersion activities
- ✓ Serving Mashpee, Aquinnah, Boston, Plymouth and New Bedford.
- ✓ WLRP.org for more information



Job: Elder's Judiciary Committee Seeking District Court Judge

The Mashpee Wampanoag Elder's Judiciary Committee is seeking a Tribal District Court Judge. The job description, salary, job duties and qualifications are below. Applicants should send their resume to The Mashpee Wampanoag Elder's Judiciary Committee, Post Office Box 480, Mashpee, MA 02649.

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: District Court Judge

HOURS: As Needed

SALARY: \$100.00 per hour

BENEFITS: N/A

SUPERVISOR: Chief Judge

JOB SUMMARY

This position is a per diem position and continuity will be based on additional funding. A District Court Judge shall be appointed for a term of (5) five years. A District Court Judge shall have the duty and power to conduct all court proceedings, and issue all orders and papers incident thereto, in order to administer justice in all matters within the jurisdiction of the Court.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

- ✓ Follow the rules created by the Supreme Court pursuant to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Judiciary Ordinance Chapter 2, §3(a).
- ✓ Hear and decide all cases properly brought before the Court, and otherwise undertake all duties and exercise all authority of a judicial officer.
- ✓ Hold Court regularly at a designated time and place.
- ✓ Issue all appropriate warrants and subpoenas to compel attendance of persons called to testify in a proceeding.

- ✓ Have the power to administer oaths and affirmations to persons in proceedings before the Court and in any other circumstance where such shall be necessary in the exercise of judicial powers and duties or where the law so requires an oath or affirmation.
- ✓ Have the power to preserve and enforce order in his or her immediate presence when performing official duties.
- ✓ Shall participate in the deliberations and shall have the duty and/or power to conduct all Court proceedings.
- ✓ Have the power to punish for contempt any person to assure the effective exercise of judicial authority.
- ✓ Enter all appropriate orders and judgments. Such orders and judgments shall be fair and impartial, and the imposition of sentences shall be in accordance with the law. The Court shall have the power to declare any law void if such law violates the Tribal Constitution or Federal law.
- ✓ Have the power to compel obedience to lawful directives and orders.
- ✓ Keep all Court and other records as may be required.
- ✓ Issue search warrants upon the showing of probable cause.
- ✓ Issue emergency orders of protection.
- ✓ Issue emergency orders for custody or searches and seizures regarding minors or incompetent persons.

- ✓ Perform the duties of the Clerk in his or her absence.

QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this position successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the education, experience, knowledge, skill, and ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- ✓ Individual must be an enrolled member of the Tribe or be a member of an American Indian Tribe that is recognized by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.
- ✓ Must have a Jurist Doctorate from an accredited law school; and/or be a current or former tribal judge.
- ✓ Must be at least 25 years of age.
- ✓ Must be of sound moral and ethical character with no convictions of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude in any court of any jurisdiction.
- ✓ Knowledge of federal Indian law and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal law is preferred.
- ✓ All applicants will be subject to an extensive background check.

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Practices Indian Preference

Send resumes to:
The Mashpee Wampanoag
Elders Judiciary Committee
Post Office Box 480
Mashpee, MA 02649

Falmouth Road Race Runners

Congratulations to Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal members and friends who finished the Falmouth Road Race this year. Leading the pack at the 2013 race was Miles Bernadette Peters who finished the seven mile race with an outstanding time of 46 minutes with Niyolpaqui "Chichil" Moraza Keeswood not far behind in 53 minutes. Wampsikuk Mills and Jennifer Peters both finished in 1:05, the Coletonator, 1:07,

Marcus Hendricks, 1:14, Paula Peters and Mykilee Driver in 1:17, Deona Brennan in 1:18, and Savannah Maher in 1:28. Special kudos go out to Elena Moraza Pollard who earned an official time of 1:12 after suffering a compound fracture of her right leg just feet from the finish line. The injury required surgery and Elena continues to recover at home but vows to make a full recovery and run again next year. What a champ!





Massachusetts House Votes to Approve Gaming Compact

The Massachusetts House of Representatives has approved a revised tribal-state gaming compact with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in a landslide vote of 116-38. The yes vote brings the Mashpee Tribe's proposed \$500 million Project First Light destination resort casino closer than ever to a shovels-in-the-ground moment. The compact now moves to the state Senate for a vote.

The revised gaming compact was signed by Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Chairman Cedric Cromwell and Gov. Deval Patrick March 20, 2013, replacing an earlier compact that was rejected last fall by Interior Department's then-newly appointed Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn.

"We thank the members of the House for supporting this revised compact, which brings us another step closer to breaking ground on Project First Light," Cromwell said. "This agreement keeps our world-class destination resort casino on track, ultimately providing thousands of jobs for southeastern Massachusetts and billions in new revenue for the Commonwealth."

The Project First Light destination resort casino is proposed for the City of Taunton,

Mass., an old industrial city in the southeastern part of the state that has been hard hit by de-industrialization and the recession. The project is expected to create 1,000 construction jobs, more than 2,650 permanent jobs. The project will include a 150,000-square-foot casino; hotels with 300 rooms apiece; 3,000 slot machines, 150 tables and 40 poker tables; and an events center.

"For me, the compact was really about exploring and strengthening those two sovereigns which have to coexist, whether it be in Mashpee or any other part of the commonwealth,"

- State Rep. David Vieira

The new compact sets the state's share of revenue at 21 percent of gross gaming revenue. Although that's only .5 percent less than the amount in the previous rejected compact, other provisions are vastly more beneficial to the tribe. For example, the 21 percent will continue to be paid as long as the tribe's casino is the only one operating in the state. When a commercial facility opens in one of the other two gaming regions, the state's share of revenue from the Mashpee casino will fall to 17 percent. The state's revenue share will be reduced by an additional 2 percent to 15 percent if a slot parlor opens in the southeast region of the state.

Chairman Cromwell said the tribe remains the lead destination resort casino developer in the region. "The market recognizes

that we have sovereign rights as a tribe and our project is ahead of any other development in the state," Cromwell said in a statement. "We have a site in Taunton, an overwhelming vote of support from the community, a strong investment team, and we have made significant progress in the permitting process. We now have before the legislature a compact agreement that benefits the Commonwealth, my Tribe and all of southeastern Massachusetts."

In addition, if a commercial casino were to open in the tribe's exclusivity zone, it would not be required to share any revenues with the state.

A staunch supporter of the Mashpee Tribe and the casino proposal, State Rep. David Vieira raised another issue that he says needs to be addressed: the tribe's rights to fish and hunt on ancestral lands, reported in the October 10 Cape Cod Times.

"For me, the compact was really about exploring and strengthening those two sovereigns which have to coexist, whether it be in Mashpee or any other part of the commonwealth," Vieira said. "There are still issues around the aboriginal fishing and hunting rights. ... We need to sit at the table and have that dialogue and not just focus on the casino."

Following the vote in the state Senate, which is expected to approve the compact, the Bureau of Indian Affairs will have to approve the tribe's Environmental Impact Report and take the proposed casino's 144-acre parcel of land into trust.



Project Update: Construction of Meetinghouse Road

The Housing Department would like to inform the Tribal members of the status of the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Development.

The project is 27.3 acres. The current design has 52 units including 16 duplex units for the elders and eventually a community building. The total project cost is approximately \$18 million. The main entrance was slated to be named "First Light Way" but, by a vote taken at the celebration the entrance will be named Alice Lopez Drive, in honor of our former Executive Director, Tribal member, sister and friend.

The remaining Drives will be Moccasin Way, Turtle Trail and Bluebird lane. The ground breaking for the roads begins phase two of housing project. Commencing with, clearing of the trees and brush and the draining systems. The first phase was a state of the art waste water treatment facility.

Back in 2006, Alice approached the Tribal Council to establish a housing committee, that committee would become the housing commission. The tribal council found that there was a need for quality affordable housing for Tribal members. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Housing Department (MWT HD) was established as the Tribal Designated Housing Entity, a designation by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.



Chairman greeting Tribal members at the gathering following the Tribal Housing Project Ground breaking

The (MWT HD) mission is to provide safe affordable housing to the Wampanoag Tribal Community and other Native peoples.

The mission is also to provide assistance and opportunities specific to the needs of native peoples, is to encourage self-determination and economic independence and to provide Tribal members the opportunity to remain or return to quality housing on their own ancestral lands – "a place appointed to us by the Creator!"

The housing department is continually exploring ways to fund the housing project. The first units will be dedicated to housing our elders and is slated to be completed late 2014 and with occupancy in 2015.

In the near future Tribal members will be notified how they may apply for tenancy. We are very excited and looking forward to the day that our members are in safe and affordable housing.



Dedication at the ground breaking ceremony to Alice Lopez; founder of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Housing Department and advocate for affordable housing in our homeland.



Kees Lopez, son of Alice Lopez, with daughter Ella May at ground breaking.



Carol Lopez, mother of Alice Lopez, at ground breaking ceremony.

The Housing Commission consists of:
Coreen Moore, Chair
Michelle Fernandes, Vice-Chair
Joan Avant, Secretary aka Granny
Michael Granger, Treasurer
Carol Lopez, Commissioner
Barbara Harris, Commissioner



Coreen Moore - Chairwoman MWT Housing Commission; Miteyo Moore (Coreen's son); Michelle Fernandes -Secretary MWT Housing Commission Holding commemorative shovels designed by Carol Lopez



August 28th, 2013 was a great day for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal citizens as we celebrated another milestone with the opening of our Dental Clinic. In recognition of all the dedicated staff who contribute to quality healthcare services for the Mashpee Wampanoag citizens... medical, behavioral, dental and Tribal... WE THANK YOU!!

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Recognized *(continued)*

including providing information about the law in their office, hosting education events, or posting information on their website.

"We are both excited and thankful to have such a wide variety of businesses and organizations that want to get involved and help us spread the message about these new opportunities for people to access quality, affordable health insurance with open enrollment beginning tomorrow," said CMS Administrator Marilyn Tavenner. "Coverage for those who enroll by December 15 will begin on January 1, 2014."

The growing list of Massachusetts organizations includes:

- ✓ Community Catalyst
- ✓ Community Resources for Justice
- ✓ **Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**
- ✓ National Empowerment Center
- ✓ Patient Funding Alternatives

For more information about Tribal Health's MassHealth Program contact Kimberly Frye, Coordinator and Wendy Pocknett, Specialist at 508-477-6912. They have been advocating and enrolling members in Masshealth and helping them maintain their coverage since 2007. Both are trained

Foster Care Homes Needed for our Kids



The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Department is in need of Tribal Members that are willing to open their homes and provide foster care to Indian children in need of a stable and secure home. These Foster Care Homes provide a temporary place within our community for our Native Children that have been removed from their home for various reasons.

These children sincerely need to be placed in a safe Tribal home until such time when they can be returned to his/her family. It's the intent and belief of the ICWA Department that placing our children in a Tribal Foster Care Home protects the best interest of Indian children and promotes stability and security in our children. If your circumstances allow, please come forward and allow the native traditions to continue down through our children. If you have questions about ICWA and opening your home to a child in need, please contact Catherine Hendricks at (508) 419-6017 ext 604.

and certified to help members understand their health insurance coverage options through the Marketplace, and are helping to provide information about the new laws under the Affordable Care Act which will take affect January 2014.

Flu Shots are available at Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit

Flu – or influenza – is a serious but preventable illness. Flu season is just around the corner and flu vaccination is the best way to prevent getting sick from influenza. The Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit is offering flu shots to the tribal community at our clinic.

The vaccine is offered free of charge for tribal members and are available between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appoint-

ment. Please call the Health Service Unit at (508) 477-6963 to schedule an appointment with a staff member.

The flu is a respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that can easily spread to other people. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Compared to the general U.S. population, Native Americans are more likely than others to get seriously ill from the flu.

The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. Getting the flu vaccine can keep you from getting sick and keep you from spreading the flu to children and elders – those who can get very sick from the flu. The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone. Please schedule an appointment to get your whole family vaccinated today. Help keep Indian Country Healthy!

Building the Future... Honoring the Past



Youth Powwow Held on October 12

The Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Sobriety Powwow was held on Saturday, October 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 13 Great Neck Road North at the Collins Lot behind the Archives Building. The annual Powwow was well attended by family and friends and featured dancing, drumming, craft vendors, food, raffles and Little Miss Wampanoag.

This year's Emcees were Brian Weeden and Ciara Oakley-Robbins and the Arena Directors were Brenda Price and Attaquin Weeden. Head Man Dancer Doug Pocknett and Head Woman Dancer Danna Jackson did a fantastic job leading our youth in the circle this year. There were also specials including a Two Step for all to enjoy.

At the 2013 Youth Sobriety Powwow, Aiyana Hicks, 9, was chosen as Little Miss Wampanoag.

Aiyana is in the photo below with her father, Brice Hicks. Aiyana was handed the crown from 2012 Little Miss Wampanoag Anaquhsees Pocknett.



Weety8 Exhibit at Indian Museum



There is a new, interactive exhibit at the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum. Through late spring 2014, Museum visitors will be able to explore and watch the construction of a 20-foot traditional home that is called a weety8.

Tribal members Darius Coombs and Michael Lopes of Mashpee built the outer frame, which you can now see at the Museum. The frame, which was built from scratch, started with cedar poles that Darius and Michael selected out of our own swamp at 55 Acres. These poles were peeled of the bark and planted about three feet into the ground. The poles have to be used right away, because they have to be green to bend into an arch. The full size of the frame is 20' x 14' x 10'. The size of the home was important to our ancestors and a ten-foot high weety8 allows for a nice draft for the smoke to exit.

The house will be fully complete in late spring of 2014 and on exhibit for visitors to see as the construction starts on the next stage. The next stage includes gathering the tree bark that will be used for the roof and the beds on the inside. This home would traditionally house around seven people and including three or four generations.

The Museum is located across from the Herring Run at 414 Main Street, Mashpee and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"Mashpee Indian Whalers" Exhibit Open

Visit the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum now through November 1 to see the "Mashpee Indian Whalers" exhibit and learn about the role whaling played in the lives of our ancestors. "Mashpee Indian Whalers" opened on September 14 and highlights Mashpee Wampanoag whalers - what they experienced, where they traveled and other tribes they encountered. The Museum is located across from the Herring Run at 414 Main Street, Mashpee and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call (508) 477-9339.



Shirley Peters accompanied by granddaughter Hana Doe Bernadette at the Grand Opening of the "Mashpee Indian Whaler's" exhibit

Ramona Peters at Grand Opening of the "Mashpee Indian Whaler's" exhibit



Members of the Museum Committee with guest lecturer Jason Mancini after whaling lecture





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Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Commission along with Tribal Council Members at the Ground breaking Ceremony of the Meeting House Road Housing Project on September 15, 2013.

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5th Annual Tribal Health Fair

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health held its 5th Annual Tribal Health Fair at the Mashpee Library on Saturday, October 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visitors came out to learn more about the Health Insurance Marketplace that will become available on October 1, 2013 and ways to prepare you and your family for the health care reform that becomes effective January 2014.

In addition to health information, the fair featured raffles, refreshments, door prizes, Native Dance demonstrations, free dental screenings and blood pressure checks. Overall, the fair was another huge success.

If you were unable to attend or would like more information please contact Tribal Health at (508) 477-6912.