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Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutawâm (Greetings to my Tribal Community),

As summer winds down and our Tribal Youth get ready to go back to school, I would like to congratulate our youth for their accomplishments and their commitment to creating a better future for not only themselves but also the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe as a whole.

In its second summer, the Native Tribal Scholars program was a great success. Along with other Native Youth, Mashpee Wampanoag Youth committed to a six-week program to enhance and improve their academic skills and prepare them for furthering their education. The Native Tribal Scholars attended classes, took field trips, worked on projects, and lived in a real college setting.

Perhaps most importantly, the Native Tribal Scholars curriculum has a constant eye toward enhancing the students' educations with a focus on Native American history, culture and sovereignty. These students are true Native American scholars, and I want to emphasize that our Youth do not have to make a choice between their
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Governor and Tribe Celebrate Tribal-State Compact

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick joined our Tribe on Thursday, August 22, 2012 for a celebration of our groundbreaking Tribal-State Compact. This unique partnership between our Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is the start of a bright future we are creating. Our destination resort casino will create job opportunities, economic development and revenue for our Tribe and our neighbors in Southeastern Massachusetts.

At the celebration, our Tribal Community came together making the traditional clambake and celebration a huge success. A sentiment shared by Chairman Cedric Cromwell "It was so



good to see our family working together and all pitching in to create such a beautiful event. I know the Governor was touched by his visit, and we were really able to show him the pride, the emphasis on family, and the strong community we have here in Mashpee."

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Breaking Ground on New Community Center

On Thursday, August 23, 2012 Tribal Elders along with Tribal Council hit an historic milestone by breaking ground for our Government and Community Center. The ceremony was held shortly



after our Tribal-State Compact celebration with Governor Deval Patrick.

Chairman Cedric Cromwell saw the ground breaking as a celebration of how far we have come. "It was a historic event for a building that will be a true center for our community and I thank our Elders for leading us in the ground-breaking ceremony," said Cromwell.

The new Government and Community Center will provide space

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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*

Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m.

Family Night, Bible Study and Children's Ministry, *Old Indian Meeting House*

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

Youth Cultural Night, *Rod and Gun Club*

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.

Transitive Inanimate Verb Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Fridays - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry, *Mashpee Baptist Church*

Sundays - 6:30 p.m.

Evening Worship, *Old Indian Meeting House*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monthly - 7:00 p.m.

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

Additional Events

September 9 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

September 22 - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wampanoag Day, *Aptucxet Trading Post Museum*

September 29 - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ancestor's Day, *Old Indian Meeting House*

October 14 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*



* Congratulations to Tanessa Hendricks and Corey Bibbins on their new baby girl. Qorey Tanessa Rayn Bibbins was born July 31, 2012, weighing 7lbs .05oz and 19 ½ inches. Congratulations on your new baby girl!



Do You Have News to Share?

Do you have Tribal news to share? We want to hear from you. All Tribal members are encouraged to submit news to be included in the Nashauonk Mittark. Please contact Tribal Council Liaison Selena Jonas at sjonas@mwtribe.com or (774) 238-6832 or at the Tribal headquarters at (508) 477 0208.

**all submissions are subject to editing for space and clarity*

Tribal Members Attend Beach Dog Lacrosse Camp

The Mashpee/Falmouth Training Facility participated in the beach dog lacrosse camp on Wednesday July 25. There were over 200 campers and four different tribes that attended the camp. The Mashpee Tribe was the only tribe that brought 29 participants. The Tribe met elders from other clans, met professional native lacrosse players, and some native actors.

At the camp the Mashpee natives learned why the game was started, how the game was played, and why it was played. After the Mashpee native kids participated in the lacrosse camp the Mashpee Tribe received a donation of equipment from the beach dog lacrosse camp.

The Mashpee native kids also received a special invite to the Crooked Arrow movie, where an elder taught them the culture behind the lacrosse



game. The elder also taught the Mashpee natives other tribal games. The Mashpee Wampanoag were also invited to a professional lacrosse game in Boston, on Saturday July 28. After the game, the native kids were able to meet and greet all of the professional lacrosse players and cheerleaders.

The Mashpee training facility is currently working on making an all-native lacrosse team. If any tribal members are interested in joining the lacrosse team, the coaching staff can be reached at falmouthtrainingfacility@gmail.com or (508) 274-1583.

Chairman's Message (continued)

Mashpee Wampanoag identity and focusing on their education. In fact, their Mashpee Wampanoag identity gives each of these students a unique perspective and experience that can guide their educational achievement. Congratulations to all of the Native Tribal Scholars, staff, and the families that supported them!

I also want to congratulate our Youth Council for the leadership role they are taking not only as peer leaders within our Tribe but also in representing our Tribe at events throughout Indian Country. I would especially like to congratulate Youth Council Chairman Brian Weeden for his election to the National UNITY Council Executive Committee. Brian, you are a great representative of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and I commend your commitment and success!

The achievements of our Youth are remarkable and are a great sign of good things to come for our Tribe. We as a Tribe must support their efforts and encourage them in their endeavors. I want to thank Tribal Council and Tribal community for their support of many initiatives to give our Youth additional opportunity. It is in fact "cool" to be hard working, committed, determined and successful.

To our Youth: we celebrate your accomplishments, we support you as you work hard to create a better future for yourselves, your families and your Tribe, and we will continue to support you, our future leaders. You make us proud!

Kataputumuw;
Cedric Cromwell
Qaqemasq (Running Bear)

Maushop Farm Improvements Underway

As Maushop Farm comes under the full umbrella of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal government significant savings are being realized as a result of refinancing and donated labor to perform capital improvements while a new grant completes the shellfish wholesaling facility.

All this happening as fresh vegetables are being grown on the farm and distributed among tribal members thanks to the volunteer efforts of tribal member Erie Hicks.

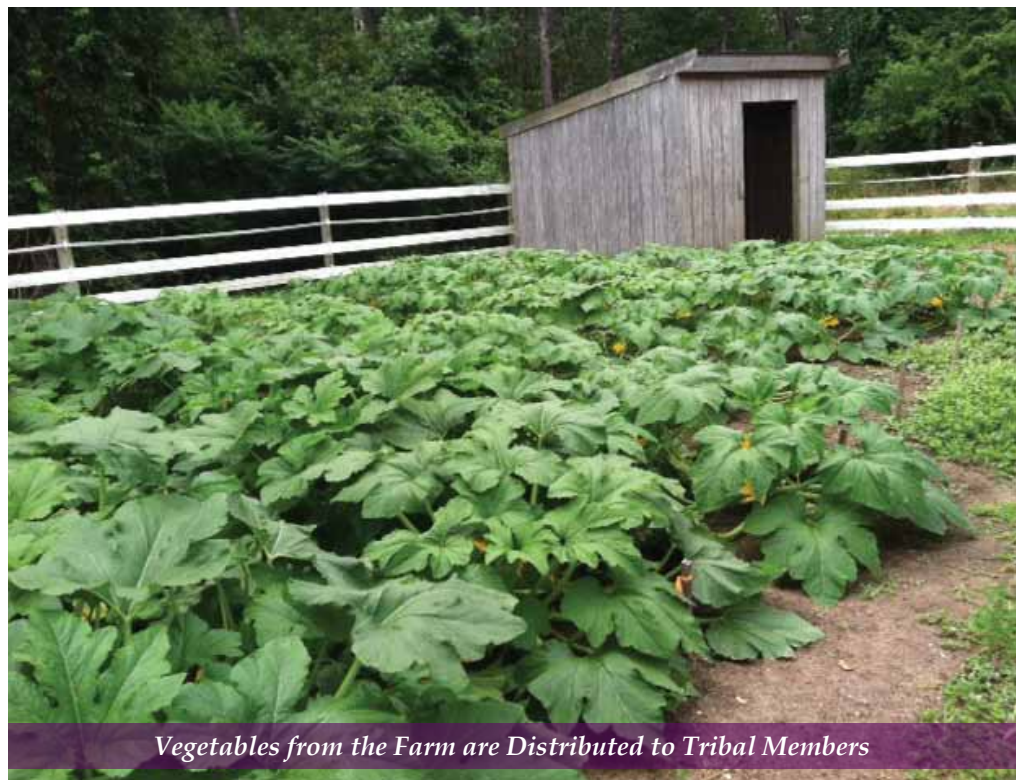
The 30 acre Mashpee farm has been owned by the Tribe under a limited liability corporation, a holding company created by and for the Tribe, with a \$650,000 mortgage held by former investors costing \$5000 a month. Dissolving the holding company and transferring ownership of the former horse stable on Sampson Mill Road to the tribal government has enabled the tribe to take advantage of a low interest USDA bond note like the one awarded for the Tribal Government Center. This cuts the payment for the farm in half to \$2518 a month.

Savings has been further real-

ized as the Barnstable County Sherriff Jim Cummings community services department has committed labor to help the tribe complete maintenance to replace the aging roofs the roof on the riding ring facility. The \$100,000 budgeted for that effort will now be dedicated to materials and stretched to also include the roof of the boarding stable.

Earlier last year the Natural Resource Department moved into another one of the existing structures on the property with plans to develop an oyster wholesale operation. The designated Hazard Analysis and Critical Planning Control Points (HACCP) facility will be built with a combination BIA and USDA grant funding that will enable the tribe to become wholesalers for shellfish. That supplementary USDA grant has now put that facility on the fast track to be completed by the end of the year.

To continue the agricultural program next year the tribe is considering several options including community gardening. Anyone interested in a community garden should contact Treasurer Mark Harding.



Vegetables from the Farm are Distributed to Tribal Members

Applications Being Accepted for Childcare Program

The CCDF program is processing intake applications to provide childcare for our tribal families. To date, we have sent “top of the waitlist letters” to applicants for the months of December, January, February, and March. If you receive a “top of the waitlist letter,” call the CCDF office to schedule an appointment. Also, if you are on the waitlist and have changed your address or phone number, please contact us to update your contact information. Childcare applications are available at the Education office at 766 Mada-



ket Place Unit A7 (downstairs) Mashpee. For more information about CCDF, please contact Kitty Hendricks at (508) 419-6017 x602 or ghendricks@mwtribe.com. Kutâputunumuw.

The Housing Department has Moved

Please note that the Housing Department has moved to the Tribal Offices located at A-3 776 Falmouth Road in Mashpee. Please stop by and say hi or call the office at (508) 477-0208.

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Become a Foster Parent

The ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act 1978) is desperately in need of acquiring Foster Homes, Foster Parents, and emergency Placement Homes for children.

We ask you to look deep down into your hearts and think about the positive, life-changing impact you can have on a native child in need of a temporary home. Children deserve a loving home; could you be that one family for them? If you can be that foster parent, the ICWA department is offering stipends to help with the care and the cost of providing a safe home environment that is nurturing and has lots of love! Please contact Catherine at the ICWA office at (508) 419-6017 x 604 for more information.

IN THE NEWS

New Government and Community Center *(continued)*

for community gatherings, elder and elder activities, sports and wellness programs among many other services. 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 our neighbors in southeastern Massachusetts for many decades to come.

Photos from the event can be seen by visiting the Tribe’s facebook page at www.facebook.com/mwtribe.



Museum committee visits New Bedford Whaling Museum

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Museum committee has had the opportunity this year to compile and gather technical information via scheduled site visits to many local and national Museums.

This opportunity has been provided to us through a grant by the Institute of Museums and Libraries to gather archival information and technical advice from other Museums. This information will help us strengthen and build our initial program infrastructure and developed a long term strategic plan.

Vice President of Education Jim Lopes and Education Programs Manager Brian Witkoski provided an enriching and fascinating tour highlighting the history of Whaling industry.

The Wampanoag People played a key role since they were the earliest whalers in the Americas. Wampanoag's harvested beached whales and would participate in shore whaling, small groups of hunters in birch bark canoes slaying massive whales and returning

them to shore. The later Yankee whale crafts design, was based on the native double prow canoe. Early ships records indicate that the majority of Whalers were Wampanoag's from Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket but there were many Mashpee men that participated in whaling expeditions as well. This is clearly documented via ship logs listing Mashpee Wampanoag men between 1815 and 1870's as whaling ship crew members.

Chief Earl Mills shared ship log copies from the New Bedford Whaling Museum with our Museum staff.

Mariners were listed by name, town, and race, these are just a few of the names of the Mashpee Whalers we identified in the 1800 ship logs, Amos Solomon Attaquin, Rowland Gardner, William Mingo, Nicholas Pocknett, and Joseph Gardner. Mashpee Mariners are also referenced in the 1870 Mashpee Census and 1859 Earl Report.

Jim Lopes expanded on the large exhibit dedicated to Captain Paul Cuffee the son of an African American slave and



a Martha's Vineyard Wampanoag. Captain Paul Cuffee built his fortune as a master ship builder/ merchant and was one of the wealthiest men of color in the United States by the first decade of the 19th century. The whaling Industry was key in providing financial backing that insured the outcome of the American revolutionary war.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Museum committee would like to reexamine the history of Mashpee's whalers specifically; it could be the inspiration for a future exhibit.

by
Angela C. Shwom
M.W.T Museum Secretary

Governor and Tribe Celebrate Tribal-State Compact *(continued)*

Chairman Cromwell also wanted to thank the Tribal Council, Clan Mothers, Elders Judiciary Committee, Elders Council, Elders Committee, Natural Resource Commission, Youth Tribal Council, Eastern Suns, and many others for your support, assistance, and spirit of cooperation. Thank you also to Chief Vernon Silent Drum Lopez, Medicine Man Ear Soaring Eagle Cash, Princess Keturah Peters, jessie little doe and the Summer Turtles Language Campers, Elders Committee Chairman Bill Pocknett, and the Lopez Family for their participation in a joyful ceremony."

Pictures from the celebration with Governor Patrick can be seen by visiting the Tribe's facebook page at www.facebook.com/mwtribe.



Cheryl Cromwell Receives National Appointment

Cheryl Cromwell receives another National Appointment from Indian Health Services Director. Nominations come from the Area Director and is approved and appointed by the IHS Director. Cheryl will serve as a Tribal Leader to the National Tribal Advisory Committee (NTAC) for The IHS Division of Behavioral Health for a four year term. She will be tasked to represent the tribes in the Nashville region also known as the tribes in the United South and Eastern Tribes area in all Behavioral Health issues that effect Indian Country.

Cheryl joins a committee that was established in 2008 to assist specifically with the Tribal consultation aspect of behavioral health policy and programming so that IHS and Tribal governments have a channel to consult about the governmental impacts of behavioral health programming and tribal communities' behavioral health needs.

NTAC's goal is to offer guidance to the Division of Behavioral Health and the IHS Director in the development of behavioral health care services throughout the network of IHS, Tribal, and Urban health programs that make up the current Indian Health System. The second goal is to ensure that the behavioral health services provided throughout the Indian Health System are as integrated, widely available, and as culturally appropriate as possible.

Cheryl is very excited to work with the tribes in her respective area to receive input at the service delivery level so she may bring those challenges, barriers and best practices to the national level to assist in implementation and funding issues we face. Cheryl will work continue to work closely with the Mashpee IHS Health Service Unit Behavioral Health Division to assist in building capacity for the Mashpee Health Services in this area.

The status of the National Behavioral Health Strategic Plan 2011-2015 and



Cheryl Cromwell with IHS Director

the National Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan 2011-2015 will be a priority for the committee to review and understand the plans as well as the 2013-2014 Formula Funding recommendation that is due Jan 1, 2012 to the IHS Director.

Cheryl also serves on the National HHS Secretary Sebellius Tribal Advisory Committee and the National Direct Service Tribe Advisory Committee. We thank Cheryl for her commitment in advocating for all tribes in the region on the importance of Quality Healthcare Delivery Services that truly meet the needs of the tribal communities.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact her at Cfrye-Cromwell@mwtribe.com or call the office @ 508-477-6912 and cell (774) 238-0628.

Job Opening at Plimoth Plantation

Plimoth Plantation is currently taking applications for several open positions, including an Individual Giving Officer, Public Relations Manager, Program Wardrobe Supervisor and Indigenous Program

Wampanoag Day

Wampanoag Day will be held on Saturday, September 22 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Aptucxet Trading Post Museum Complex. Please join members of the Wampanoag Nation and the Bourne Historical Society for a celebration of Wampanoag culture. Sample native food; see how a muhsh8n (boat) is made; make a take-home craft such as a bead bracelet or a corn husk doll; play Native American games; learn about Wampanoag tools, gardens, and traditions. Mashpee and Aquinnah Wampanoag artisans have their work on display and to sell. At 2:00 p.m. You will have an opportunity to dance with the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers.

Tables are available for native made arts/crafts vendors for \$25.

Admission: \$ 5 adult, \$2 Child, \$10 family

For more information about attending, contact Kitty Hendricks at kitmashwamp@aol.com.

Seasonal Interpreter. You can see the complete list of open positions, and job descriptions online at www.plimoth.org. If you are interested in applying for a position, please contact Darius Coombs at (508) 746-1622 x8703.



Food/Gift Card Intake Application

HOUSEHOLD INCOME GUIDELINE

1 Person	\$30,751
2 Person	\$40,213
3 Person	\$49,675
4 Person	\$59,137
5 Person	\$68,598
6 Person	\$78,060
7 Person	\$79,835
8 Person	\$81,609

1. A completed application is required before distribution of a card. Exception would be emergency referral from another department.
2. Must be 18 years of age or older to apply, if applicable all household member over 18 must have proof of income.
3. I.D required.
4. **NO** picks ups for other tribal members.
5. Non- Tribal member **DO NOT QUALIFY**.
6. Only one visit allowed to pantry per month, first come, first serve.
7. One card per household/no more than two per address.
8. All tribal members ages **18 to 54** receiving food cards 3 or more times may be subject to do community service for the tribe.

Tribal Finances Receive High Marks from Independent Audit

Tribal finances received high marks according to an independent audit conducted in accordance with US Government auditing standards.

The fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 audit is the fourth for this administration and shows dramatic improvement in accountability of funds. In particular, the new in-house accounting system has proven to be successful in getting controls in place.

"I want to congratulate Marjorie Seagraves, Milt Pratt and the dedicated employees in our finance department and also our Treasurer Mark Harding who has spearheaded this effort to bring our finances under control and under our own roof,"

said Chairman Cedric Cromwell. "This continues to be a proud accomplishment of this administration. This kind of accountability is critical to our efforts moving forward especially making us eligible for future governmental and institutional funding. Every Tribal member can have confidence that Tribal monies are being spent and tracked in a transparent, professional manner."

As required by the federal government an independent audit of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council finances was performed earlier this year by Heald Hoffmeister and Company of Needham.

The audit was conducted in accordance with standards applicable to

financial audits issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

As a federally acknowledged tribe the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control of its finances in full compliance with laws and regulations which not only support our tribal government, but also support our grant programs and government and independent contracts.

The audit found the tribal finances to be in compliance with federal standards and found "no deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting."



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Governor Patrick Signs Compact

On July 30th, Governor Deval Patrick signed the Compact Resolve from the legislature approving the Tribal-State Compact between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This historic signing ceremony took place at the Massachusetts State House and was witnessed by Chief Vernon Silent Drum Lopez, Tribal officers, Tribal Councilors, Powwow Princess Keturah Peters, and many Tribal Elders.



Ancestor's Day



The 5th Annual Ancestor's Day will be held on Sunday, September 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Old Indian Meeting House. This is a "Pot Luck" celebration so please bring your favorite dish to share. Native artisans are invited to display their crafts.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Ancestor's Day. The event is hosted by the Old Indian Meeting House Committee.