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Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutawâm (Greetings to my Tribal Community),

As you are aware, we are moving forward in a positive direction to seek approval to host our first class Mashpee Wampanoag Destination Resort Casino in Taunton, Massachusetts. Collectively, as a Tribal family in the mid 1990s, we came to a decision to pursue the opportunity of gaming in order to achieve self-sufficiency and self-reliance in order to better serve our people.

On Saturday, June 9 the City of Taunton will hold a referendum vote asking its residents if they approve or disapprove becoming the host city for our resort casino project.

In partnership with local Taunton residents who believe in our effort and find this partnership will bring much-needed jobs and revenue to their city, the "Together for Taunton" campaign commit-

C.J. Oakley-Robbins Receives the Gates Scholarship

Tribal Member Clayton Oakley-Robbins (C.J.) Oakley-Robbins is awarded the prestigious and highly competitive Gates Millennium Scholarship. Thousands of students across the nation apply for the scholarship but only 124 students are chosen each year for this incredible academic honor. The scholarship provides a full-ride (tuition, fees, books, housing, transportation costs, meals etc) to the talented 124 at the college or University they choose to attend for their entire undergraduate studies. Mr. Oakley-

Robbins will also be able to continue the use of the Gates Scholarship to pursue both a Master's and Doctoral degrees, should he decide to!

C.J. will be attending Hofstra University on Long Island, New York



in the fall where he will be majoring in Marketing. He plans on finishing his undergraduate program and continuing his education at Hofstra's Law School.

Please join us in congratulating this talented, humble and deserving young Mashpee Wampanoag man and his family!

Intergovernmental Agreement Reached with the City of Taunton

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Chairman Cedric Cromwell and Taunton Mayor Thomas Hoye announced on May 17 that they have negotiated an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the development of a destination resort casino in the City of Taunton.

"We're excited to have reached an agreement that provides for a mutually beneficial partnership between the City of

Taunton and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe," said Chairman Cromwell. "In addition to the thousands of jobs and millions in economic impact our destination resort casino will provide, this agreement details our Tribe's commitment to mitigating all impacts to city services as well as providing direct payments that Taunton can use to plan its own bright future."

The agreement will pro-

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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.

Prayer, *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

June 10 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

June 11 - 6:30 p.m.

Fish, Wildlife and Natural Resources Commission Meeting, *MWT Executive Trailer*

June 17 - 11:00 a.m.

Morning Service, *Old Indian Meeting House*

June 25 - 6:30 p.m.

Fish, Wildlife and Natural Resources Commission Meeting, *MWT Executive Trailer*

June 29 - July 1

Powwow, *Barnstable Fair Grounds*



* Congratulations to **Marcella Miller**, daughter of Valerie and Andre Miller, on her acceptance to Liberty University where she will be studying for her Masters in Business Administration. Congratulations Marcella!!

* Congratulations to **Keturah Peters**, 10th grader at Mashpee High School on her induction to the Honor Society. Keturah was inducted on May 17. Keturah is the daughter of Kristine Foster and Randy Peters Jr. Congratulations Keturah!

* Congratulations to **Shakira Askew** on her completion of the Medical Office Administration Certificate, focusing on patient service coordination and medical office systems. Shakira is the daughter of Ann Marie Peters and Billy Askew. Congratulations Shakira!

* Congratulations to **Cameron Frye**, son of Tribal Chairman Cedric Cromwell and Councilwoman Cheryl Frye-Cromwell who graduated from Bishop Feehan High School with Honors and will be attending Bryant University with a major in Business and Law. Cameron has received numerous scholarship including the Bishop Feehan/Attleboro Football Hall of Fame Award. Cameron plans to hold an intership position at a legal firm this summer and is excited to begin his new college journey. We wish him well.



* Congratulations to **Mikala Murad** on her acceptance to Brown University, where she will be studying Cognitive Neuroscience in the Fall. And congratulations to Lexi Murad for completing her Religious Education and receiving her Confirmation. We are all so very proud of them both.

* Congratulations to **Jon Jonas Jr.**, son of Jon Jonas Sr., for his commitment to mastering his trade and to stay up-to-date on the newest auto-body guidelines. Jon graduated in a Connecticut course in the PPG refinish class for Falmouth Autobody, to be a registered auto painting facility. The course involved three days of testing in a state of the art spray booth and classroom tests, dealing with all the V.O.C regulations required to protect our environment. Congratulations Jon!



* **Stephanie Plummer**, 2012 graduate of Mashpee High and the daughter of Tribal members Bette Oakley and Eric Plummer, will be attending Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Stephanie will major in Physical Therapy.

* **Amanda Frye**, daughter of Laddie Frye and Caroline Capone, graduated

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tee was formed to work toward a "Yes" vote on June 9.

The committee has been working hard to promote the project benefits and listen to the legitimate concerns of residents.

This is a call for "All hands on deck!" I ask Tribal members to dedicate a few hours a week to assist the campaign effort. I strongly urge Tribal members from across the region to join the effort by stepping forward to canvass the neighborhoods with our campaign organizers, meet the residents of Taunton and develop the strong relationships we are known for within our Wampanoag community.

In particular, on June 9 polling places will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. There are 16 precincts at 15 voting locations throughout the city. We will need hundreds of volunteers that day to make sure the people who support our project get out to vote.

We need our presence felt and our message heard that this is not only an opportunity for eco-

nommic sustainability of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe for generations to come, but also an economic opportunity for Taunton to build its own bright future.

Please reach out to Councilwoman Trish Keliinui either by email or phone if you are able to help. Trish can provide further details on the various campaign efforts. Her contact is (774) 316-0305 or TKeliinui@mwtribe.com.

Thank you in advance for any time you can offer to help with our efforts. With everyone working together, we can build a better future for our Tribe and the good people of Taunton.

We need your support to make sure this exciting project becomes a reality. Please contact Trish today at tkeliinui@mwtribe.com. You can also learn more about the campaign at togetherfortaunton.com.

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Cedric Cromwell Qaqeemasq
(Running Bear)

from Wareham High School with plans to attend Point Park University in Pennsylvania.

* **Kelli Pires**, daughter of Rita Frye-Pires and Kenny Pires graduated from Old Dominion University



with Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Kelly will be doing her internship with the United States Marshall in Norfolk, Virginia. Congrats Kelli!

* **Grafton Paul Patahqahan Pocknett** was born on May 1, 2012 at 1:12 am. He was born weighing 8lbs. 11oz. and was 21.5 inches long. Proud parents are Seth and Tia Pocknett, with proud grandparents Marc and Lorraine Pocknett and Paul and Judith Averett. Congratulations Tia and Seth.

* Congrats to PJ and Keesha Green for their newest addition **PJ Green Jr.**



* **Correction to May Edition:** Congratulations to Keisha Peters and Shawn DeBarros on the birth of their twin baby girls, **Adriana Suzette** and **Arianna Renee**. Born on March 19, Adriana was 6lbs. and her baby sister Arianna was 4lbs. 5 oz. Congratulations Keisha and Shawn!

IHS Visits Gosnold Treatment Center

Indian Health Service and the Tribe visit Gosnold Treatment Center in Fal-mouth to discuss ways to strengthen the partnership and collaboration to better serve our members in the recovery process and wellness after-care. Ray Tamasi, director and Jim Kane CEO hosted the meeting.



WIC Program

Tribal Health is excited to bring the WIC program to the Mashpee site once a month beginning June 20th. Please call Tribal Health or the WIC program to set an appointment.

Veterans Services



Councilwomen Cheryl Frye-Cromwell and Laura Miranda, along with Elder Norman Dias attended a Veteran's Summit in Washington DC last month. Plans to establish a Veteran's Advocacy program is underway for the tribe. Ongoing meetings with Indian Health Service, Veteran's Administration, United South and Eastern Tribes, and the Providence Region Office have been successful in this new initiative to better serve our tribal veteran's and their families. For more information or interest in joining the Veteran's Committee please contact Cheryl Frye-Cromwell at (774) 238-0628.

Commonwealth Care Open Enrollment is JUNE 1-22

Open enrollment for Commonwealth Care will be held from June 1 through June 22. During this period, you can make changes to your healthcare plan if you wish to do so. All changes to your health plan will take effect on July 1, 2012. In addition to making elected changes to your plan, Commonwealth Care may make one or all of these changes to your plan:

- * Monthly premiums may be increasing or decreasing
- * The providers that are available from a health plan's network may be changing
- * Benefits and co pays will be the same, no matter which health plan a member chooses

Below are the changes in premium costs

Plan Type 2a (income between 100.1-150% FPL)

| BMC | CelticCare | Fallon Community | Neighborhood | Network |
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| \$34.00 | \$00.00 | \$27.00 in Central area | \$21.00 | \$00.00 |

Plan Type 2b (income between 150-200% FPL)

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| \$91.00 | \$39.00 | \$80.00 in Central area | \$72.00 | \$39.00 |
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Plan Type 3a (income between 200-250% FPL)

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| \$152.00 | \$77.00 | \$137.00 in Central area | \$125.00 | \$77.00 |
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Plan Type 3b (income between 250-300% FPL)

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| \$197.00 | \$116.00 | \$181.00 in Central area | \$167.00 | \$116.00 |
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Enrollees can get info about their Commonwealth Care health plan options by calling the Health Connector at (877) 623-6765 or online mahealthconnector.org, or Kim and Wendy-Tribal Health- Support Services at

(508) 539-6943. Take Charge of your Health insurance!

If you want to stay in your health plan, you do not need to do anything. Members will stay enrolled with their current health plan.

Herring Reminder from the Natural Resources Department

Tribal Members, you must call the NRD Office at (508) 477-5800 ext. 10 to report herring harvests for 2012. Please leave the amount of herring harvested, what river they were harvested from, and the day or month they were harvested. If no answer, please leave a message with the informa-

tion. This information is a required part of our MOU with the MA Division of Marine Fisheries during the harvest moratorium for non-tribal members. Remember that herring are for **Tribal Use Only**.



New Hires at Tribe Offices

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is happy to announce several new hires.

Tribal Member DaNita Payne has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant in the Department of Housing. DaNita brings several years of strong experience to the position, and is a welcome addition to the team. Please stop by the office and welcome DaNita.

Myron (Ricky) Hendricks is our new grounds and road maintenance specialist in the Public Works department. Kevin Hicks has been promoted to supervisor for the department. Congratulations to both men.

Cheenuka Pocknett and Mark T. Harding are new hires in the Natural Resource Department. Both men have been hired as shellfish farm assistants.

Images from the Wampanoag New Year Celebration



IN THE NEWS

Zoning Board Approves Community Center Plans

The Town of Mashpee Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) signed off with a stamp of approval on the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community Government Center architectural design plans in May, clearing the way to move forward on construction.

The next step is placing advertisements in the Cape Cod Times, MWT website, Mittark newsletter and Indian Country Today magazine over the next couple of weeks for the General Contractor bidding pro-

cess to build the MWT Community Center.

We are moving forward with building a state of the art MWT Community Government Center that will be a hub for our Tribal nation's programs, service delivery, Tribal Government, health facility, Tribal Court, Tribal Elder and Youth centers.

Many thanks for your continued support and involvement towards advancing the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Collecting Resumes for Community Center Construction

All tribal members who would like to work on the government building should email their resumes to David Weeden at dweeden@mw-tribe.com. David is putting a list together of qualified workers to give potential contractors that are awarded a contractor to work on



the building. Please include any contact information, skills and relevant experience.

Intergovernmental Agreement Reached with City of Taunton *(continued)*

vide approximately \$33 million in up front mitigation payments and a minimum annual payment to the city of approximately \$13 million. The agreement includes:

- * Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for the land to be taken into trust of approximately \$250,000, for the taxable value of the land on the day the land is taken into trust plus a 3% increase annually for ten years, after which the payment continues as long as the IGA is in effect. This PILOT compensates the City in full for the loss of the property from its tax rolls.

- * General mitigation payment of \$1.5 million within 30 days of General Court approval of a Compact between the Tribe and the Commonwealth.

- * Annual general mitigation payment of 2.05% of slot revenue, but not less than \$8 million per year.

- * Specific mitigation payments covering impacted services (fire protection, police, water, sewer, schools, etc.) estimated at approximately \$14,754,000 in the first phase of the destination resort casino and \$720,000 in the second phase. In addition, the Tribe will provide annual payments to mitigate increased operating costs, estimated at \$4,790,000 per year.

- * Mitigation of traffic impacts, with approximately \$10 million allocated for improvements to the intersection of Routes 24 and 140, the Route 140 / Stevens Street intersection ramps and signaling. In



addition, approximately \$5 million will be allocated to traffic calming measures such as controlling speed and congestion in East Taunton. The Tribe and the City have also agreed to cooperate in approaching the federal and state governments to seek a longer-term solution to congestion at Routes 24 and 140.

- * Funding for compulsive gambling services in the amount of \$60,000 upon opening and \$30,000 per year thereafter.

- * The Tribe will make whole certain local charities that currently rely on gaming (bingo) revenue.

In addition, the IGA ensures communication and cooperation between the Tribe and the City, and establishes a nine-member advisory committee to make recommendations to the Tribe and the City regarding the implementation of the IGA.

In accordance with the IGA, the Tribe will adopt stringent building, health and safety codes. Subject to preference to Tribal members, the

Tribe will work in good faith to hire local residents and utilize local vendors.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council has authorized Chairman Cromwell to sign the agreement on the Tribe's behalf. The Taunton Municipal Council will also take up the agreement at an upcoming meeting.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe plans a \$500 million destination resort casino in the Liberty and Union Industrial Park at the intersection of Routes 24 and 140 in Taunton. The project, which includes plans for gaming, hotels, restaurants, entertainment and a water park, is estimated to provide 1,000 construction jobs with a payroll of \$230 million. In addition, the Tribe estimates it will hire 2,500 permanent employees in phase one of operation at an annual payroll of \$80 million.

A referendum on the project will be held on Saturday, June 9th.

Tribe and Local Businesses Step Forward to Honor MHS Football Team

On Monday, April 23, 2012 the Mashpee High School football team and coaching staff received their 2011 Division 4 Super Bowl Championship rings.

The moment in December when the Super Bowl victory clock struck 0:00, the coaching staff immediately began thinking of fundraising strategies to purchase rings and the campaign was kicked off.

Thirty local businesses and individual donors and supporters, included the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe stepped forward to help. The effort raised over \$11,000, and accomplished the goal of outfitting each team member with custom-made, personalized, spectacularly designed championship ring.

The team, consisting of less than 35 players from grades 9-12, achieved a remarkable goal... they were undefeated with a 13-0 record.

For the first time in the history of Mashpee High School, the football team garnered their South Shore League and state division titles.



Among the team members, we have five Tribal student-athletes who made significant contributions to the successful season.

Senior Tri-Captain, Jordan Keli'inui finished his high school career carrying the ball more than 3,000 yards, despite missing 5 games in his junior year with a broken fibula. Jordan along with his fellow co-captains will represent Mashpee in the 34th Annual Shriner's All Staff Classic at Gillette Stadium on June 15.

Cody Bingham-Hendricks our Junior back up quarterback proved himself on several occasions through the season while the starter was recovering from injury. Cody steered the ship at crucial times leading to one of his highlighted mo-

ments during the Super Bowl as he completed the first successful touchdown pass ultimately leading to the 34-8 championship win.

Robbie Hendricks and Kevin Frye, both sophomores and both pivotal and dedicated athletes who lead by example with discipline and hard work.

And freshman, Robert Andrade who suffered through injury since summer camp but worked hard to get healthy for the post season. Robert made a considerable impact on special teams and showed terrific breakaway speed during the playoff game victory against Millis-Hopedale.

This team of young men won the admiration of a community with humility and respect for their teammates, coaches, opponents and families.

Congratulations to the MHS Football team on a Super season and congratulations to our Tribal Student Athletes...you all make our Nation Proud!

Tribe Hosts Open House in Taunton





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COMMUNITY

91st Annual Powwow to be Held June 29 - July 1

The 91st Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow will be held June 29 to July 1 at the Barnstable County Fair Grounds. The fair grounds are located at 1220 Nathan Ellis Highway in East Falmouth.

For anyone interested in a position for ice runner, trash removal, bathroom attendants, parking atten-

dants, ticket sale, and security for this year's powwow, please email the Powwow Director David Weeden at dweeden@mwtribe.com or call (774) 327-0662. We will be paying anywhere from \$10.00 - \$15.00 per hour depending on the job. If you have any questions, please contact us at mashpeepowwow@mwtribe.com.

