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Chairman's Column



Dear Tribal Community,

Thank you, Tribal family, for turning out in record numbers at the 2013 Tribal Election. Thank you for your involvement, your passion for your Tribe, and the sacrifices you made to get to Mashpee High School on Election Day to make your voice heard in shaping our Tribe's future. Thank you to all the candidates who ran -- the number of candidates seeking election is a sure sign of a strong, vibrant Tribal government.

Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I look forward to working together with you over the next four years as we continue to move our Tribe forward. We face many opportunities and many challenges as we strive to achieve our goals, but I know that if we work together with a common purpose, there is nothing we can't accomplish as a strong, proud Tribal Nation.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Aaron Tobey, Mark Harding, and Selena Jonas for their service over the last four years. I personally thank them and hope that they will stay deeply involved in Tribal affairs.

Congratulations to Secretary Marie Stone for your impressive re-

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Tribe Re-Elects Chairman and Secretary, and Chooses a New Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Council Member

Tribal Council Chairman Cedric Cromwell was overwhelmingly re-elected on Sunday, February 24th by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Turnout was strong, with 714 Tribal citizens voting.

Secretary Marie Stone was also re-elected. The Tribe will have a new Vice-Chair, Jessie Little Doe Baird, and a new Treasurer, Robert Hendricks, along with a new Council member, Charles "Bobby" Foster.

"This is a huge affirmation of what we as a Tribal nation have accomplished as well as our vision for the future," said Chairman Cromwell. "I thank the citizens of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe for the trust they have placed in me, and I look forward to working with them hand in hand over the next four years as we continue moving our Tribe forward. Our accomplishments over the last four years would have been impossible without the



service and contributions of Aaron Tobey and Mark Harding and we owe them a debt of gratitude. We welcome our new officers and Council member."

The new officers and Council Member are already hard at work.

Rihard Oakley, who received 23 votes for Chairman, requested a recount of that race. The Mashpee Wampanoag

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Land Will Qualify as Initial Reservation

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has received a positive preliminary advisory opinion from the Department of the Interior indicating that the Tribe's lands in Taunton and Mashpee qualify as an initial reservation once the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's land into trust process is completed with a positive Record of Decision. This special status means that the Tribe will be able to conduct Class II and Class III

gaming on the land under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Chairman Cedric Cromwell said this news "is another huge step forward toward the development of a first class destination resort casino in Taunton. We look forward to creating thousands of jobs and widespread economic opportunities for our Tribe, the people of Taunton and the entire south-eastern Massachusetts region."

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Events Calendar

New Events

March 21 - 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tribal Court, 483 Great Neck Road
South, Mashpee

March 23 - 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Wampanoag Ball, Sea Crest

April 6 - 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Wampanoag Youth Ball, Navigator

April 14 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
General Body Meeting, Mashpee
High School

April 18 - 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tribal Court, 483 Great Neck Road
South, Mashpee

Weekly Events

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Volleyball, KC Coombs School

Thursdays - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wamp Support Group, 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 - 7:00 p.m.
Chiefs Circle, Old Indian Meeting
House. It is held the first Tuesday of the
month.

Language Classes

Watch WLRP.org for upcoming
new language classes as well as
our annual 3-day family immersion
camp!



Tribal Announcements

» Congratulations to **Joseph Green** son of the late Gordon "Brother" Green on graduating from the Plymouth Police Academy on February 1, 2013. Joseph is the newest member of the Barnstable Police Station and started shortly after graduation in February. Best of Luck on your new career we are so proud of you!



Wamp Support Group: Path to Recovery

The Wamp Support Group meets every Thursday at the Old Indian Meeting House to support Tribal Members who are struggling with addiction. To remain sober we need to support each other. Together with the spirit of our ancestors, we will begin the path of healing.

The Native American Prayer

Oh Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world-hear me-I come before you, one of your children. I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in

beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made, my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise, so that I may know the things you have taught my People, the lesson you have hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy, myself. Make me ever ready to come to you, with clean hands and straight eyes, so when life fades as a fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame. "Prayer by Yellow Hawk Sioux Chief"

184 Housing Update

Congratulations to Quan Tobey, Craig Helme, and Kim Fonseca on their purchase of their new home. Without the support of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Housing Department with the downpayment and closing costs, they would not have been able to realize the dream of being a home owner.

If you are in need of assistance, please contact Wells Fargo to start the verification process. All tribal members

that are below the 80% median are applicable for this funding. For more information, please contact Felicia Howey at (804) 576-6157.



Tribe Seeking Bids on Several Projects

The Building Committee is seeking Tribal Members to submit proposals on the projects listed below. All bids must be received by Monday, April 1, 2013 at 4:00 PM. Any contractor with questions or that would like to request a construction document review and requirements may contact Project Coordinator David Weeden at (774) 327-0662 or dweeden@mwtribe.com. All bids should be addressed to: **Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Project Management Trailer, 483 Great Neck Road, Mashpee, MA 02649**

Request of Bid Proposal

Bulrush Mats

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Building Committee is requesting sealed bids from qualified Contractors for the making of the aesthetic Bulrush Mat cultural component in the main lobby area of the New Tribal Government Center located at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, Ma. 02649

Beginning Date: Friday, March 1st, 2013 **Closing Date:** Monday, April 1st, 2013.

Red Cedar Bench

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Building Committee is requesting bids from qualified Contractors for the construction of the aesthetic Red Cedar Bench as a cultural component in the main lobby area of the New Tribal Government Center located at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, Ma. 02649

Beginning Date: Friday, March 1st, 2013 **Closing Date:** Monday, April 1st, 2013.

White Cedar Pole Frame Work

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Building Committee is requesting bids from qualified Contractors for the construction of the White Cedar Pole Frame Work as an aesthetic cultural component in the main lobby area of the New Tribal Government Center located at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, Ma. 02649

Beginning Date: Friday, March 1st, 2013 **Closing Date:** Monday, April 1st, 2013.

Wampum pieces

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Building Committee is requesting tribal assistance in the construction of the aesthetic Terrazzo flooring which is a crucial cultural component in the main lobby area of the New Tribal Government Center located at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, Ma. 02649. We will be collecting the purple part of the quahog shell (Wampum) to add into the Terrazzo flooring in the main lobby. This will be every one's opportunity to contribute to the construction of our new facility. We'll need 500 lbs of just the Wampum portions of the shell and will have blue plastic barrels at 483 Great Neck Rd. South, Mashpee, MA over by the Drum Arbor.

Beginning Date: Friday, March 1st, 2013 **Closing Date:** Wednesday, April 1st, 2013.

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election.

I welcome our new Vice-Chair Jessie Baird, Treasurer Robbie Hendricks, and Council member Bobby Foster. We have much to do, and I look forward to working with you.

The overwhelming support you showed me on Election Day is a mandate to move forward with our vision toward a more prosperous future. I truly believe that a rising tide lifts all boats, and over the next four years I will work every day to raise the tide and lift up all Mashpee Wampanoag people.

In the next four years we will realize our right as a sovereign nation to have land in trust. We will open a new Community and Government Center for all tribal members to use and enjoy. We will build housing for our Elders on Meetinghouse Road. We will continue to increase services for our Tribal citizens. We will expand educational opportunities for our Youth. We will enhance the availability of cultural programming. We will have a new dental clinic to serve our people. We will continue to protect our aboriginal rights to hunt and fish in our ancestral homeland. And we will successfully open a destination resort casino, providing real economic development and jobs, increased funding for programs and services, and direct financial assistance to Tribal members.

This is the vision you endorsed on Election Day, and this is what I will spend every waking hour devoted to accomplishing over these next four years. Thank you for your confidence, your hard work, and your guidance.

Kutaputunumuw;

Cedric Cromwell
Qaqeemasq (Running Bear)

Are You Eligible for Assistance?

Do you want an easy way to get information about your food assistance, cash assistance or health assistance benefits? If you do, you can now use a new Internet tool called My Account Page to see your status! With MAP you

can update some household information. If you are a Commonwealth Care member you may be able to fill out your necessary Eligibility Review Form online. Go to : www.mass.gov/vg/selfservice.

Support Needed for Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Ball

My name is Keturah Peters and I am the 2012 Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow Princess. The most important goal I have as Princess this year is Inspiring Tribal Youth to accomplish their goals through education and a greater involvement in Tribal culture and traditions.

I believe the best source of inspiration is leadership by example. I am proud to say that I am an accomplished scholar-athlete at Mashpee High School. I am a member of the National Honor Society, the Mashpee High School field hockey and lacrosse teams, and the human rights club. I am also the Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council Vice Chairwoman and treasurer of a Peer Leadership group.



Through these accomplishments and my involvement in a wide range of activities I have been able to represent the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in a positive manner and help Tribal Youth strive for success but I have not done it alone.

I have been blessed with a supportive and equally accomplished family of tribal youth. They are fellow scholars, athletes, volunteers and friends. Many have overcome unimaginable odds to achieve great things. For this reason I am hosting the First Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Ball to honor and acknowledge the many youth for their great

achievements and efforts to move in the positive direction in life.

The Ball will be held at the Navigator on April 6, 2013 from 7 to 12:00 PM. As you can imagine, hosting such a large event is a considerable and expensive venture. I am asking for any assistance you could offer - monetary, food, decorations, awards, supplies, etc. I would be grateful for any support you can provide.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information at (508) 367-0935 or keturahpeters228@gmail.com.

In Peace,
Keturah Peters
2012 Powwow Princess

U.S. Public Health Service Officers

Have you noticed that Dr. Bender, Dr. Warren, and Nurse Heather at the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit wear uniforms? This is because they are officers in the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps.

The PHS Commissioned Corps is one of the seven uniformed services and is made up of health care professionals. The mission of the PHS Commissioned Corps is to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of the United States. Officers of the Corps wear uniforms similar to those of the Navy with special PHS insignia and the Corps uses the same commissioned officer ranks as the Navy and Coast Guard.

Officers may join the Commissioned Corps as civilians or they can convert from another uniformed service. Dr. Bender converted to the PHS from the Navy while Dr. Warren and Nurse Heather both entered as civilians with no prior military service. PHS Commissioned Corps officers can be deployed during times of a public



health emergency. Dr. Bender has served a 5-week deployment on the U.S. Hospital Ship Comfort. Nurse Heather recently served a 2-week deployment in Brooklyn, NY providing care to victims of Hurricane Sandy. Officers work for over 20 different federal agencies. Dr. Bender has been assigned to Indian Health Service and the Coast Guard. Dr. Warren has been assigned to IHS in three locations - Mashpee, Sitka, AK, and Red Lake, MN. Nurse Heather is currently serving her first assignment with IHS here in Mashpee.

CDR Bender, LCDR Warren, and LTJG Rhodes are proud to be serving on the frontline of the fight against disease and poor health. And they are very proud to be serving the people of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

ICWA Coat Drive

The ICWA department sends a big thanks to the Newton High School Students and especially to Amelia Williams who spearheaded the drive as a school project to help out Native children and their families. These group of students have visited our Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe on a few occasions

as you can see from the picture that was taken in front of the Museum a couple of years ago. A few of these students have visited different reservations and saw the poverty of these native American Indians, and this is what motivated the group to do something for neighboring natives.



A big thanks and kudos to these Newton High School Youths that took the time to set up a stand in their school and asked for winter coats donations for native children from the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. These students needs to be recognized for their incredibly fine deeds for an outstanding spectacular group of students who showed they care. The ICWA department sends a safe wish to Amelia Williams who has gone abroad to Chile for six months to study.

Scholarship Information and Policy

We have recently been reminded by the U.S. Department of Education that we **MUST** follow FERPA (Federal Education Rights Privacy Act) FERPA essentially means that we must require written, signed permission from any student aged 18 or older to discuss/share ANY educational information with their parents/guardians. (This includes ANYTHING related to scholarship applications, processing of paperwork, etc).

Please encourage your son/daughter to submit something in writing to us so we may avoid any conflicts.

OUR SCHOLARSHIP POLICY:

There have been many questions about scholarships recently, so we are providing this information for your easy reference.

Any tribal student that has completed the scholarship application process, each semester in a timely manner will be awarded the following:

Undergraduate students enrolled in one class -will be awarded the full cost of the class, minus the states' tuition waiver portion, IF the student is at a state school (one must submit their bill AND the class cannot exceed \$1000. for the semester that your award is used for).

Undergraduate students enrolled ½ time- two classes (6-8 credits) will be awarded \$500. per semester, not to exceed \$ 2000. per calendar year.

Undergraduate students enrolled

three quarter time (9-11 credits) per semester will be awarded \$750.00, not to exceed \$2000. per calendar year.

Undergraduate students that are full time (12 or more credits) will be awarded \$1000. per semester not to exceed \$2000.00 per calendar year.

A calendar year is January through December.

An undergraduate is any student, attending college that has not yet earned a college degree.

A graduate student is any student who has already earned a Bachelor's degree and is now pursuing an advanced degree including a Master's or Doctorate degree.

Graduate students with one to two classes -will be awarded up to \$1000.; not to exceed \$2000. per calendar year (some graduate students have more than two semesters of study).

Graduate students with more than two classes will be awarded \$1500. per semester not to exceed \$3000. per calendar year

We also require that every student apply for federal funds before they can receive our funding (FAFSA or CSS Profile) so that we are collectively using funds most wisely. We also strongly encourage students to pursue outside scholarships. For more information specific to your major, please contact Anne Foxx, who will gladly conduct a bit of research to assist you in this search process.

Tribal Scholars

Please save the date and sign up early (only 24 spaces available) for the upcoming Spring Retreat to be held at UMass Amherst on the following dates: April 18-20. This event will include many workshops, an annual Native American Education symposium, a writer's workshop, music, great food and will culminate with the annual UMass Amherst powwow. Please 'like' or join the Native Tribal Scholars Facebook page and visit it often for more updates. The Native Tribal Scholars office is open on Wednesdays and often on Thursdays at the Education Department offices in Madaket Place and the staff; Warren Griffin and Program Manager, Jamie Morrison can be reached at 508.419.6017, x 606 or via email at wgriffin@mwtribe.com and jmorrison@mwtribe.com respectively. Finally Kristen Wyman, our Associate Program Manager remains committed to the program and is very much involved as well, please reach her on the FB site, too.

Congratulations to all the NTS seniors this year: Jawan Knight, Daryl Frye, Jr, Elizabeth Wakanabo, Doug Pocknett, Jr., Nakia(Nikko) Hendricks, Jr and Kiona Anderson, Nia Holley and Kohar Avakian! Good job all...we are proud of you and are happy that you represent this program so well!

Graduate Brunch

Please Save the Date

We are pleased to announce the Education Department's Second Annual Graduate Recognition Brunch on Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 10am-12:30pm; for all graduating high school and college students. PLEASE save this date and watch for additional updates regarding location and other details.

Who is Graduating in 2013?

The Education Department urgently needs your help with information about "who is graduating this year"? We are gathering information on all our graduating Wampanoag students in high school and in college. This means any tribal student in Massachusetts or elsewhere in the United States who is graduating this year including college students who may have graduated in December. Please contact Anne

at 508-419-6017 x609 or fax 508-477-1246 or email afoxx@mwtribe.com.



Tribe's Land will Qualify as Initial Reservation *(continued)*

The news was presented to Chairman Cromwell in a letter from Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn. He informed the tribe that an analysis completed by the Office of Indian Gaming finds that the Tribe's land in trust application qualifies to be processed under the initial reservation exception.

The initial reservation exception is found in Section 20 of the Indian Regulatory Gaming Act. It is one of the few exceptions to the prohibition of gaming on lands taken into trust after October 17, 1988. The provision is expressly intended for newly recognized Indian tribes, such as the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, that do not have an established reservation. The determination is based, in part, on an analysis of the tribe's historic ties to the area identified in the land in trust application that is currently under review by the federal government.

Chairman Cromwell praised the speedy review process. "On behalf of our tribe, I want to express my deepest gratitude to President Obama, Secretary Washburn, the Interior Department, and the many dedicated officials at the Bureau



of Indian Affairs. They truly understand how important it is for our people to have land, to maintain our history, our language and our culture. This will enable us to fully operate as a sovereign Tribal government, to secure the resources necessary to support ourselves, and to provide services such as housing, health care and education to our people."

In addition, Chairman Cromwell thanked those who have worked on the documentation of the Tribe's historic ties. "Tribal members and our advisers worked tirelessly to document our historic ties to Mashpee, Taunton, and all our ancestral homeland encompassing present-day Southeastern Massachusetts and Eastern

Rhode Island. Their efforts were conducted with professionalism, seriousness, and respect for our rich history."

The Tribe's application for land in trust includes land in Mashpee and Taunton, Massachusetts. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has proposed a destination resort casino in Taunton. The planning and design process for the proposed casino has moved at a very brisk pace. The Tribe has successfully acquired an option for land, negotiated an intergovernmental agreement with the City, won the support of the residents of Taunton in a referendum, and has progressed with state and federal environmental reviews.

Record Turnout at Tribal Elections *(continued)*

Tribe Election Committee conducted a recount of the votes cast for the Office of Chairperson of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe on Saturday, March 2, 2013 in accordance with Tribal law. Mr. Oakley, who requested the recount, was present with Ms. Nellie Ramos as his witness. With the exception of one vote, the recount reaffirmed the original results.



Complete Election Results

Chairman

Cedric Cromwell - 442

David Pocknett - 242

Richard Oakley - 23

Write-ins - 4

Blanks - 2

Vice-Chairman

Jessie Baird - 362

Aaron Tobey - 319

Write-ins - 14

Blanks - 19

Treasurer

Robert Hendricks - 328

Mark Harding - 225

Diane Johnson - 80

Angela Shwom - 75

Write-ins - 0

Blanks - 6

Secretary

Marie Stone - 240

Nellie Ramos - 55

Michelle Hughes-Fernandes - 64

Suzette Spinola - 172

Michelle (Shellie) Tobey - 176

Write-ins - 1

Blanks - 6

Council

Charles Foster III - 266

Selena Jonas - 240

Joanne Peters - 201

Write-ins - 0

Blanks - 7

Tribe Secures \$650,000 in USDA Funding for Maushop Farm

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the USDA have finalized an agreement on a \$650,000 low interest direct loan under the USDA's Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan program, clearing the way for the inclusion of the Maushop Farm into the Tribe's land holdings and providing community services from that property in perpetuity. This closing provides certainty about the title of the property and will provide significant savings to the Tribe.

Members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and their neighbors benefit from the nationally recognized environmental projects undertaken by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Natural Resources Department located at Maushop Farm in Mashpee, MA at 213 Sampsons Mill Road. Already, the Tribe's Natural Resources shellfish project uses shellfish propagation to heal the negative environmental impacts of over-development on Popponessett Bay and is just one example of the Tribe's ongoing good work at Maushop Farm.

"Maushop Farm is important to us historically as well as today. We are very proud of the work that the Natural Resources Commission is doing and the ability to expand that work will benefit not only our Tribe but all of our neighbors in this region as well. The Mashpee Wampanoag people have been stewards of the land throughout our history, and this ensures the continuation of that great tradition," said Chariman Cedric Cromwell. "I thank the USDA for their partnership and their commitment to helping us move our Tribe forward, and I thank our Development Office for their hard work in securing this funding."

Ronald M. Koontz, Area Loan Specialist for USDA/Rural Development, said, "USDA Rural Development is happy that the agency's Community Facility Program was able to assist the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in their pursuit of preserving and improving tribal lands."

This funding is in addition to 2011's closing on \$12.7 Million in USDA

direct loan support to build the Tribe's Government and Community Center which will soon benefit all tribal members and the over 11,000 American Indian/Alaska Native people living within the Tribe's five (5) county service by including space for Health services, Library/Archives and many of the Tribes' programs like Housing, Museum management, Energy, Transportation and others. This year's USDA low interest direct loan funding now strengthens and secures the Tribe's abilities to maintain and increase its Natural Resources activities for the health of the earth and the environment of the Tribe and all its neighbors.

Under the leadership of Chairman Cedric Cromwell and Past Treasurer Mark Harding, the Mashpee Wampanoag Development Office has worked tirelessly with the 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 the USDA's Wareham Offices' Tom McGarr and Ron Koontz, - the USDA closed the Direct Loan with the Tribe on February 7th 2013.

"This agreement not only moves us forward on the projects that we operate currently at Maushop Farm and enable us to move forward securely with expansion of our natural resources programs, it also makes great financial sense by saving the Tribe money every month," said Mark Harding.



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.

Pontoon for Sale

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is selling a pontoon barge, located at the Mashpee Wampanoag Equestrian Center/Natural Resources Office site at 213 Sampsons Mill Road in Mashpee. The boat is approximately 8'6" x 24'2". It is in need of repair and will be sold as is. There is no title for this boat. The responsible party will have to sign a document stating that they are taking the boat as is, and acknowledging that it has no title. It will be the responsibility of the individual to remove the boat.

This will be a sealed bid process and the boat will be sold to the highest bidder. Bidding will begin at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 4, and will end at 4:00 PM on Friday, March 15. The winning bidder will have until Friday, March 22nd to remove the boat from its location. Failure to remove the boat by March 22 will result in the forfeiture of the property and the boat will be offered to the next highest bidder.

Interested individuals wanting to view the boat should contact the Natural Resources Department at (508) 477-5800, ext. 10 or 11.

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Parent Info. Center

The National Indian Parent Information Center (NIPIC) is a non-profit Native American organization funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education that serves Native American parents who have children/young adults with special education needs. Their mission is "To strengthen our community through support, education and encouragement for American Indian families with children with disabilities or learning challenges, educating and supporting parents, families and professionals in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with the full range of disabilities, ages birth to twenty-six."

Please contact our office if you are seeking more information, support or resources for your disabled child: 508-419-6017 x609 or email afoxx@mwtribe.com

Wampanoag Ball Tickets on Sale

The 16th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball will be held on Saturday March 23, 2013 at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in North Falmouth. This year's theme will be "celebrating our women."

Tickets can now be purchased at Puritan's Clothing and at the Tribal Council Head Quarters. Tickets for our elders have been reduced to \$15 and general admission tickets are \$30.

Hotel rooms are available. You may reserve a room by calling 1-800-225-3110 or going to www.seacrestbeachhotel.com.

