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## Chairman's Column



Wuneekeesuq Nutawâm (Greetings to my Tribal Community),

Sometimes, it seems like we are on a roller coaster in pursuit of our goals. We are making great progress, but we must keep focused on lifting our Tribal Nation through better economics, protection of our culture and aboriginal rights, ensuring educational opportunity, and providing services like housing and healthcare to all of our Tribal citizens.

It is easy to get caught up in what is happening in the moment and lose focus of the big picture: the future of our Tribal Nation. The question is, how do we keep our momentum, our positive outlook, and progress toward our goals? The answer is to learn from the bumps in the road, celebrate our triumphs, and always remember to stick together as one Tribal family moving FORWARD.

So let's celebrate all of the positive things going on in our Tribe, learn lessons from every experience, stay focused, discuss the issues respectfully, find creative solutions and keep pushing forward together.

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## Great Turnout at 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Fair

**T**he 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Health Fair was a great success. Over 100 attendees interacted with over 15 health professionals who displayed important health information and provided health services to Tribal Members and their families. We would like to thank the vendors that attended. They have been instrumental in collaborating and partnering with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health Services Unit in providing health services to our members.

Vendors at the annual health fair included, American Diabetes Association, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Care from the Heart Elder Support Services, Gosnold Treatment Facility, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Cape and Island Department of Mental Health, Marie Doubleday Counseling Services, Durrell Fox- HIV Regional Outreach and Education, Hope Health Al-

zheimer, House Calls, Hospice and Reikki Programs, Cape and Island Suicide Prevention, Dawn Hendricks Facepaint Art, Native Lifelines Urban Program, Brenda Richerson- Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal

Emergency Preparedness Program, Met-life Children's Identification Program, Overeaters Anonymous program, Brian Washington and Sue Botelho from Inner Strength Counseling Services. A special thanks to our Mashpee Wampanoag

Tribal Health Service Unit for the information and services they provided at the fair. Tribal Health Services provided health information for Behavioral Health and Contract Health Services as well as



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## Employment and Training

**Now is the time!** We all know that our Tribe is building a new Tribal Headquarters. And, we certainly all know that our plans for a resort style casino are well underway. With these new

ventures come exciting employment opportunities for our Tribal members.

**Now is the time** to draft your resume. The WIA department has assisted several members with drafting

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## Events Calendar

### New Events

**November 8 – Noon to 1:00 p.m.**  
Beat the Holiday Stress Session,  
*Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health*

**November 11 – 2:00 p.m.**  
General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

**November 17 – 11:00 a.m.**  
Native American Thanksgiving  
Celebration, *Mashpee High School*

**October 17 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
New Bedford Office General  
Information Meeting, *New Bedford Office*

**December 9 – 2:00 p.m.**  
General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

### Weekly Events

**Wednesdays – 6:30 p.m.**  
Bible Study and Prayer, *Old Indian Meeting House*

**Thursdays – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Volleyball, *Mashpee High School*

**Fridays – 7:00 p.m.**  
Youth Ministry, *Pastor Chris and Peggy's Home*

**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 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Chiefs Circle, *Old Indian Meeting House. It is held the first Tuesday of the month. School*

### Language Classes

Please visit [www.wlrp.org](http://www.wlrp.org) for the current schedule of language classes.



### Tribal Announcements

\* Congratulations to Mashpee High Schools Falcons in their 13-2 win over South Shore League for Rockland in their first home opener of the season. MaxPrep marks **#2 Cody Bingham-Hendricks** (Overall/Offensive) and **#24 Kevin Frye** (Defensive) for being selected as Players of the Game. Great game for sophomore **Robert Andrade** for three strong passes of 7, 26 and 28 yards as Mashpee charged down to the Rockland 18 with 9.1 seconds before the half. Congratulations to all players on a great game!



\* Congratulations to **Kevin Frye Jr., Robbie Hendricks, Keturah Peters,** and **Shawn Hendricks** for completing Rachel's Challenge. They all received anti-bullying certification and training.

\* Congratulations to **Eleanor "toodie" Coombs, Brian Weeden,** and **Tia Averett-Pocknett** on their apprentice positions with the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project.

- \* Congratulations to **Ryanne White Jackson** on continuously making the honor roll.
- \* Congratulations to **Kiona Anderson** on her return to Mashpee High School.
- \* Congratulations to **Brenda Price** on her nomination for secretary of class of 2016.
- \* Congratulations to **Danna Jackson, Ciara Jackson, Brian Weeden,** and **Tahlia Jackson** for reaching out to their peers and being strong assets to the youth committee.

### How to Share Your News

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](mailto: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*



## Chairman's Column *(continued)*

Let's celebrate the progress on our Government and Community Center. Not only will this allow our Tribe to provide services, hold meetings, gather, learn and hold meetings in our own building, the construction and maintenance of this facility mean good jobs for Tribal citizens.

Let's celebrate the progress of our Tribal Court and their recent grant funding. Let's thank our Elders Judiciary Committee for their incredible hard work and perseverance in growing and improving our own Tribal justice system. This is incredible progress and is absolutely integral to our sovereignty and self-governance moving forward. Let's also thank our Development team for working hand in hand with the Elders Judiciary to win valuable court funding.

Let's celebrate the improvements in the way our Tribe conducts business - especially in our Finance Department. Just as we set out to do, we completely revamped our Tribal finances, hiring a Comptroller, implementing a new software system, ensuring checks and balances, increasing transparency, initiating a comprehensive budget process, and passing stringent audits. Thank you to our Finance Department led by Marjorie Seagraves and to our Treasurer Mark Harding for your efforts, and thank you to all tribal departments for working to bring your departments into the new finance system so we are operating efficiently.

Let's celebrate our Housing Department and Housing Commission for helping Tribal families to stay in their homes, develop sound financial plans, find creative ways to help with household budgets, and in a few cases, even purchase homes to make sure Tribal families have a safe place to live. This is incredible progress and we thank you for your efforts!

Let's celebrate the upcoming first anniversary of our Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service clinic, our partnership with IHS, and the ever-growing programs and services offered to keep our Tribal family healthy in a respectful, culturally appropriate manner.

And let's celebrate our Youth, who are representing our Tribe so well both here at home and throughout Indian Country. Thank you to our smart, beautiful, dignified Powwow Princess Keturah Peters. Thank you to Brian Weeden for his leadership and involvement in youth organizations both here and nationally. Thank you to the youth who participate in Native Tribal Scholars who not only brighten their own futures through their hard work, but also the future of our nation. Thank you to our Summer Turtles participants for your hard work to learn our native language. And thank you to all of the Tribal families and volunteers who support our Youth, give their time to assist these programs, and encourage our children to build a better future while honoring their proud heritage.

Together, we will continue to raise our Nation to new heights in service delivery, opportunity, and community. I ask for your ideas, your energy, and your enthusiasm as we work together, pushing forward, toward our collective goals as a Tribal family.

Kataputunuw;

Cedric Cromwell Qaqemasq *(Running Bear)*

## Wampanoag Day

**N**utawâm, Wampanoag Day 2012 celebration was a huge success! We are especially thankful to the Tribal Historic Preservation Department and the Education Department for their guidance and financial support. We want to thank all of the talented artists, presenters, and vendors for sharing their gifts to the children young and old.

Kutâputunuw to the Youth Advisory Group, the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project, and the Wampanoag Indigenous Program at Plimoth Plantation for their dedication to presenting our culture with respect and attention to detail. These folks make me proud to be Mashpee Wampanoag.

The family would also like to thank the Aputuxet Trading Post Museum and its staff and the many volunteers for all of their hard work each year.

Lastly, we are grateful for the two women who started this event eleven years ago, our mother Ernestine Haynes Gray and retired museum director Eleanor Hammond. Together the two cultures have come together in a day of understanding and gentle peace. For our Ancestors, and for our children, we are truly thankful!



Peesh kunâunuw. The children of Ernestine Haynes Gray, Wabanetu, Otter Clan - Gentle Wind (1927-2005).

## Health Department

**T**ribal Health Representatives will be present in the New Bedford Office every Thursday beginning Nov 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please stop by if you have any Health concerns or questions. Whenever possible, appointments should be scheduled prior to your visit by calling Cheryl Lammers at the New Bedford Office.



## Education News

Carla Riley, Indian Education Program Coordinator, would like to acknowledge and thank all of the people that have contributed to our program.

I would like to thank Aunt Joan Tavares for her good work. Joan's help with the Indian Education Program and the support she has provided enhanced the curriculum our youth receive.

In addition, I would like to thank Cassie Jackson for her assistance and help structuring the Indian Education Program. I would also like to thank Eleanor "Toodie" Coombs for being culturally and historically correct and her overall contributions to the program.

I also have to acknowledge the positive contributions Liz Vieira, Marcy Hendricks and Kevin Frye have made as members on the Parent Committee. Renee Lopes-Pocknet and Allyson Pocknet deserve a special thank you as well for the abundance of support they have provided.

I am genuinely touched by the tremendous amount of community support we have received... our program continues to reach new heights because of you. On behalf of The Indian Education Program and the kids we serve, thank you!

## Holiday Stress Sessions 11/8 and 12/13

Are you already starting to feel the stress of the holiday season bearing down on you? You don't have to wait for the season to pass before lifting the weight of this bad energy from your shoulders.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health Office is offering a "Beat the Holiday Stress" workshop on Thursday, November 8 and Thursday, December 13 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. "Beating the Holiday Stress" will include tips and helpful steps on how to handle the holiday stress. The holiday season can be the



most difficult time of the year. Come and learn tools to strengthen your mind, body and spirit.

A light lunch will be served. To reserve a seat at the stress workshop or to learn more, please call Kim Frye or Wendy Pocknett at (508) 477-6912.

## Foster Care Providers Needed

**T**he 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.



*Construction on New Government Center continues on schedule!*



## Letter from the Chairman on Tribal-State Compact

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has notified the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe that our Tribal-State Compact will need to be further negotiated before it can be approved. While disappointing, this possibility was anticipated in our agreement with the Commonwealth, which requires that we return to the negotiating table immediately to address the outstanding issues in the Compact and come to a revised agree-

ment. We believe that these issues can be resolved quickly and cooperatively, and the Compact can be re-submitted to the BIA for swift action.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Commonwealth have negotiated respectfully and collaboratively to come to an initial agreement, and we will continue to negotiate in that same spirit. It is critical to the economic development plans of our Tribe, the City of Taunton and

the surrounding region, and the Commonwealth as a whole that we reach an agreement as soon as possible. Our destination resort casino in Taunton will create thousands of construction jobs and permanent careers, and will energize the regional economy.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has met all requirements of the Expanded Gaming Act, including

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## Chair of Housing Commission Featured in Banker & Tradesman

**C**oreen Moore, Chair of the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Commission, was recently featured in Banker & Tradesman for her innovative work as Town Planner in Bourne. According to the article, Coreen and other town officials are working hard to achieve a new vision for the town of Bourne, emphasizing economic devel-

opment opportunities and highlighting the town's maritime history.

Using smart growth strategies, Coreen is working to attract new businesses to town and revitalize the Buzzards Bay commercial district. Recent successes include the opening of Market Basket and the redevelopment of an outlet mall. In addition, Coreen has a

vision of making Bourne a destination, with new restaurants, specialty shops, and possibly a hotel.

Congratulations to Coreen on her recognition in Banker & Tradesman and for all her groundbreaking work in Bourne.

Article online at:

[www.bankerandtradesman.com](http://www.bankerandtradesman.com)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Fair a Success *(continued)*

on site blood pressure screenings, flu vaccine services.

Attendees also received dental fluoride, varnish treatments for children and adults from Cathy Hollister from the IHS Nashville Area Division of Dental.



In addition to the health services at the health fair, there was plenty of tradition, good medicine from our clan Mothers,

Eastern Suns drummers and singers, Tribal Members, Tribal Chairman and Tribal Council in attendance. A thank you goes out to all of our Tribal Members that participated and attended.

We also want to recognize Kim



Frye and Wendy Pocknett for coordinating the annual event. Their commitment and dedication to providing health education and supportive services to our community made the fair possible.



By: Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Tribal Council- Tribal Health Services

## Home Purchased



*Marcy Hendricks, in front of the property purchased by the Tribe.*

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe was able to purchase its first home through Tribal Section 184 Homeownership Program. The Section 184 Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## Tribal Court Puts ANA SEDS TG Grant to Good Use

**T**he first year of the ANA SEDS TG grant has been successful. We fulfilled most of the goals of the grant that was overseen by the Elders Judiciary Committee. The following is a list of accomplishments during the first year.

- The Mashpee Wampanoag Rules of Civil Procedure are nearly completed and the final draft has been written.
- The Appellate Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of Evidence have been drafted and will be refined during the second year of the grant.
- The Peacemaker Code of Ethics has been reviewed, rewritten, and reviewed again by Peacemakers. A final draft was sent to Suffolk University Law School and the Chief Judge for comment.
- The Mashpee Wampanoag Web Site has been designed and the content is now being put into the design. A training to update the web site has been

scheduled for the first week in October.

- A Tribal Court Brochure that introduces the logistics and developments in Tribal Court has been designed and sent to all tribal member households.
- A Tribal Court Employee Handbook was developed by the Chief Judge and reviewed by the EJC but has not been completed.
- Community Surveys were sent out to measure the interest and needs of the Tribal Community. The following is a brief summary of what Tribal Members thought:
  - a. Tribal Court is important and most would use it.
  - b. Most Tribal members wanted the court to maintain the culture of the tribe.
  - c. Peacemaker Court was important to Tribal Members to resolve disputes.
  - d. Reasonable time frames for cases

to be heard and to be disposed of in a timely manner.

- e. A guidebook to help tribal members negotiate court processes.
- Professional Training for Court Staff was able to educate and inform judges and court staff of processes, procedures, and programs for Tribal Courts.
  - A Law Library is being developed to provide additional education in Indian Law for Judges and Lawyers.
  - A Pro Se Guide Book has been drafted and will be refined in the second year of the grant.
  - Articles in the Mittark and information at Monthly Tribal Body Meetings to keep Tribal Members informed on the development of the infrastructure of Tribal Court.

Vivian Bussiere  
Project Director

## Group Trips to Veterans Powwow

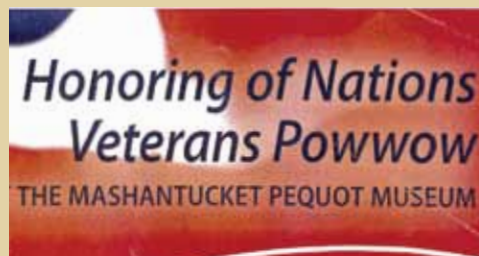
The inaugural Honoring Of Nations Veterans Powwow will be held on Saturday, November 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum in Connecticut.

Groups are being organized for travel arrangements. Cheri Peters is organizing veteran and family groups and Joanne Frye is available to help elders that would like to attend. Please do not forget to call Cheri or Joanne and sign up for this trip.

The powwow honors Native nations and their veterans both past and present through traditional arts, regalia, song and dance.

There will be a 50/50 raffle - half of the proceeds going to the winning ticket and half going to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum. There will also be intertribal dances open to everyone.

If you are interested in hosting a vendor table, please contact Toni Weeden at [tweeden@mptn-nsn.gov](mailto:tweeden@mptn-nsn.gov) or Jean Little at [jlittle@mptn-nsn.gov](mailto:jlittle@mptn-nsn.gov).



## Inter-Tribal Social

The Mashpee Wampanoag will be hosting an Inter-Tribal Social on Saturday, November 24 from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Camp Burgess. As always, your favorite dish, drums, dancing, friends and family are welcome.

Camp Burgess is located at 75 Stowe Road in Sandwich. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Frye-Cromwell at [cfrye-cromwell@mwtribe.com](mailto:cfrye-cromwell@mwtribe.com) or (774) 238-0628.

## Low Income Energy Assistance Program Available

**T**he Mashpee Wampanoag Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help keep you and your family warm, safe and healthy this winter. If you cannot afford to pay your energy bill, your home may not be safe and you may be at risk of serious injury. Don't wait; contact Beatrice Jackson, fuel assistance coordinator, at (508) 419-6017 x601 for more information.



### What is LIHEAP?

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

### Who is eligible?

Those who meet the following State and/or Tribal requirements

- \* Income Guidelines
- \* Elderly
- \* Veterans
- \* Family with child under 5
- \* Families with foster children
- \* Unemployed
- \* Renters that pay for heat

### What information do you need to apply?

- \* Recent copy of your utility bill
- \* Recent payroll stub for every one in household 18 years of

age and over

- \* Documentation showing Social Security, Unemployment, Pension fund, Disability, Self-employment (1099), businesses.
- \* Final Utility Termination 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.)
- \* Social Security Card for all members living in household
- \* Proof of Citizenship (Green Card) , Tribal ID for all household members

LIHEAP will begin taking applications Monday, October 1 with a deadline of October 31. Please feel free to Call Beatrice Jackson Fuel Assistance Coordinator at (508) 419-6017 x601. *All participants must live in the Barnstable County Area.*

## Tribal-State Compact *(continued)*

the acquisition of land in Taunton, the negotiation of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City, the overwhelming passage of a popular referendum, and the negotiation of a Compact by July 31. In addition, our application for land in trust is currently under review, our Gaming Ordinance was approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission, scoping sessions for both federal and state environmental reviews have been completed, and we have made an initial payment of \$1.5 million to the City of Taunton as part of our agreement with the City.

Let me be clear, the Tribal-State Compact and our land in trust application are two totally separate processes

with no bearing on each other. We are very pleased with the progression of our land in trust application and continue to work toward a positive determination.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has the inevitable right to conduct gaming in our ancestral homeland. We look forward to immediately getting back to work with the Commonwealth on a revised Compact so that there will be no delay in bringing good jobs and revenue to our Tribe and the Commonwealth.

Kutaputunumu;  
Cedric Cromwell  
Qaqeemasq (*Running Bear*)

## Employment *(continued)*

their resumes. These resumes will be submitted to the general contractor and sub contractors so they can readily fulfill their commitment to hiring Tribal members.

Now is the time to think of your future. What kind of job would you like to have at our Taunton Casino? The possibilities are wide and varied. But, again, now is the time to work on gaining valuable work experience and training for future opportunities.

Now is the time to contact the WIA office to see if we can assist you with training opportunities. Please contact Yvonne Tobey, Employment and Training Director, at (508) 477 6017, 606.





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## Native American Thanksgiving

**T**he 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Native American Thanksgiving Celebration will be held on Saturday, November 17 at the Old Indian Meeting House.

The celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a ceremony with regalia and cultural traditions and Prayers of Thanksgiving. All Tribal members, their families, friends and members of the community are invited to attend – our doors are open to anybody that would like to share in this celebration.

All Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal members are welcome to display and sell their crafts. Native food will be served.

Our Native American Thanksgiving is being hosted by The Old Indian Meeting House Committee. Please join us as “we gather together” to give thanks.



Picture from Inaugural Thanksgiving Celebration

## Volleyball Nights

Tribal Health is hosting Volleyball Night every Tuesday at the Mashpee High School 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is a health promotion activity to increase social, physical, spiritual, and mental well-being so come join the already geared up participants throughout the fall and winter months. Everyone is welcome to participate. For more information, please call Tribal Health Services at (508) 477-6912.

