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Chairman's Column



Greetings Tribal Citizens,

September was another busy month around our Community and Government Center giving me some good news to share on a wide range of issues. We've continued to push for the protection of our sovereign rights and our land - an issue we will not waiver on. We also had several big announcements from the departments and services that are working hard on your behalf.

Let's start with some encouraging news on the legal front. On Monday, September 26, 2016, federal District Court Judge William Young, issued his decision to grant our "Motion to Intervene" in the ongoing litigation that threatens our reservation land.

This is an important legal victory and it allows us to directly participate in the case.

As recent higher court cases have affirmed, the Interior Department decision to establish an Indian Reservation for our people in Mashpee and in Taunton is on the right side of history, and the right side of the law.

We've been living on this land for thousands of years, and as we approach this Thanks Giving season we hope the justice system will ultimately honor the longstanding promises made to our people. Promises, going back to the first Europeans to settle in this country, to recognize our sovereignty!

Nobody can explain the importance of our ancestral homeland and its significance to our survival better than we can. We as Tribal Leadership and as a Tribal Community applaud Judge Young's decision to grant our motion to intervene...Our voice will be heard in defense of Our Land and Our Sovereignty!

Despite challenges we have faced for generations as a People, I am extremely proud

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Mukayuhsak Weekuw Receives Grant

Staff at the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) along with parents of the children attending the new Mukayuhsak Weekuw, which is now open and providing language immersion to 10 Wampanoag children, received some welcome news last month. In September WLRP was notified that it had been chosen as the recipient of a three-year, \$890,00 grant through the Esther Martinez Language Immersion Fund of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA).

The grant gives WLRP nearly 890,000 to support the new immersion school, Mukayuhsak Weekuw, 'The Children's House'. WLRP is required to provide \$74,000 annually in matching funds. Mukayuhsak Weekuw is currently located in North Falmouth and opened in September with 12 students enrolled. This grant also gives the Project the opportunity to certify two of its current language teachers as Montessori instructors, and to expand the pool of teachers through a two-year training process. It also supports the WLRP mission in reclaiming the language to complete our circle and continue to speak our language to our future generations.



"This is just the beginning to what we can do as a people in repairing what we have lost," said Vice Chairwoman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Founder of WLRP Jessie "little doe" Baird. "Many people have put their hard work, devotion, and passion into this project and it continues to pay off. Many, many thanks go to the entire Language staff and our incredible Business Manager and Grant Writer, Judi Urquhart."

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Election Notice to Enrolled Tribal Members

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Election Committee extends notice to all Enrolled Tribal Members who will turn 18 years of age on or before Sunday, February 12, 2017, that they are required to complete a Voter Registration form in order to vote at the general election on Sunday, February 12, 2017 (the "Election Day").

The Voter Registration form can be obtained at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Community & Government Center, located

at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 during regular business hours. All enrolled and eligible Tribal members are allowed to register on or before the Election Day.

The results of the Election will be posted at: (1) the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Community & Government Center, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649; and (2) on the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe official website on Monday, February 13, 2017.

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Events Calendar

New Events

October 1 - 6:00 p.m.

20th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball,
Resort & Conference Center of Hyannis

October 6 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Columbus Lecture, *Mashpee Wampanoag
Indian Museum*

October 9- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *MWTCCG*

October 15 - 6:00 p.m.

Alice Lopez Clambake, *MWTCCG
Powwow Grounds*

October 19

EPA Evening Potluck Social, *MWTCCG*

October 20 - 7:00 p.m.

Movie Night at the Meetinghouse, *Old
Indian Meetinghouse*

October 22 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cape Cod Cares for MaDarrius,
MWTCCG

October 22 - 4:30 p.m.

Granny Squannit Walk, *MWTCCG*

Weekly Events

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

Youth Boys Basketball, *MWTCCG*

Mondays - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Craft Night, *MWTCCG*

Tuesdays - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Elders Lunch & Learn, *MWTCCG*

Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m.

Enrollment Committee, *MWTCCG*

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Coed Volleyball, *MWTCCG*

Wednesdays - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

& 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tribal Health Yoga with Virginia and
Kimma, *MWTCCG*

Thursdays - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Elders Lunch & Learn, *MWTCCG*

Thursdays - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Youth Dance & Drum Class, *MWTCCG*

Fridays - 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Pre School Language Hour, *MWTCCG*

Fridays - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tribal Health Zumba with Shirley,
MWTCCG

Sundays -10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Tribal Health Zumba with Shirley,
MWTCCG

Event for MaDarrius on October 22



In the blink of an eye everything changed for MaDarrius, a smart, energetic Mashpee Wampanoag teen, who was seriously injured in a tragic dirt bike accident on Sunday, August 28. To offset the rapidly rising medical costs his family is facing, a fun fundraiser has been scheduled on Saturday, October 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per family of four. The event is open to all that would like to attend (MaDarrius needs all the support we can give). The afternoon will feature family friendly activities, including traditional drumming, music by DJ Robert Peters along with other music talent, artists, puppets, face painting and much more. There are also many door prizes and raffle items that were provided by local businesses.

All proceeds from the event will go directly towards the costly medical needs that his family will have to cover over his

long road to recovery. MaDarrius suffers from a spinal cord injury and internal trauma. In addition to MaDarrius' medical bills, his mother Marcy Hendricks is also fighting for her youngest son Bryson, an 18-month old little warrior battling a rare immune deficiency disease, who desperately needs a bone marrow transplant.

MaDarrius, Marcy and Bryson have taken on more than any family should. Let's help ease the burden just a little and show them on October 22 just how much our community cares.

For more information about the event, making a donation or business sponsor opportunities, please send an email to amy@tonesinmotion.com. You may also make a donation by sending a check to The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod attention Cortney Lopez/Sandwich Branch, 25 Benjamin Franklin Way, Hyannis, MA 02601. The Hendricks family thanks you for your support during this difficult time.

Do You Have News You Want to Share in the Mittark?

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 Trish Keliinui at trish.keliinui@mwtribe.com.

John and Jennifer Monteiro

John Joseph "Swimming Eel" Monteiro
April 1, 1962 - August 24, 2014

Jennifer Lyn "Sleepy Eyes" Monteiro
April 11, 1966 - August 11, 2016

In Loving Memory, from brother Michael Joseph "Swimming Trout" Monteiro ~ I Miss You

Chairman's Column *(continued)*

of the collective fortitude we display in the face of adversity. We Rise, regardless of the circumstance and that is the reason we continue to advance.

Across Indian Country we have become known for our strength and ability to balance what is important to us at our core...our traditions!

Recently, we hosted our 20th Anniversary Mashpee Wampanoag Ball. I want to commend the Ball Committee for bearing with the challenges in securing a suitable venue to host the annual celebration. Fittingly, this year's theme was "Celebrating Our Sovereignty." There could not have been a more appropriate reason to come together in celebration.

I also want to recognize and commend the Old Indian Meeting House Committee for hosting the annual Ancestors' Day in September. The event is dedicated to honoring our ancestors which was originally established by Tribal member Stanley Dutra several years ago.

Later this month, the MWT Natural Resources Department will host the EPA Region 1 Tribal Leaders Summit. On Wednesday, October 19, there will be a Community-wide Pot Luck social and I urge

everyone in the community to attend as we greet the regional representatives (should an explanation come into play here?) from the New England states. There will be food, drumming and a chance to meet the participants from our neighboring Tribes.

September also marked yet another historic moment in the history of the Wampanoag Nation with the opening of Mukayuhsak Weekuw, 'The Children's House' immersion school. I am extremely impressed with the dedication by our WLRP teachers and staff and I certainly commend Vice Chairwoman Jessie "little doe" Baird for her perseverance after more than two decades of working toward assuring our traditional language would be spoken again!

Tradition, Culture and Sovereignty across generations. A sentiment we prove every day, with each step and every breath we take.

Here's to a great October filled with Positive Energy, Good Medicine and Healthy Family! Hoka!

Kutâputunumuw,
Cedric Cromwell
Qaqemashq (Running Bear)

Standing with Standing Rock at the Mashpee Rotary



Ancestors' Day

The 7th Annual Ancestors' Day was held on Saturday, September 24. The annual event, which is held as a way to remember, celebrate and honor our family and friends that have passed, included a ceremony at the Old Indian Meeting House and a potluck at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center.

In addition, the Old Indian Meeting House Committee provided tulip bulbs that all who gathered were able to plant at a grave site or at home in remembrance of their family and friends.



Pictured left to right are Medicine Man Guy "Soaring Eagle" Cash and Old Indian Meeting House Committee Members Pauline Peters and Anne Fox at Ancestors' Day.

Peaches Martinez: Daring to Dream Big

Lending a hand to Native American high school students especially our own, so they can unconditionally succeed and become a positive leader for their peers, family and community is vital.

Peaches Martinez, age 16 in grade 11 at Mashpee High School has a long range goal and tells us this "I would like to become a neonatal nurse. This year I will be taking every child hood and developmental courses I can. I'm the daughter of Cecelia Jones Martinez and granddaughter of late Loretta Jones". Peaches expectation is to go to the University of New Mexico.

She tells me she also especially loves to read stories to elders to see their bright smile and has been doing it since she was younger. This Auntie Elder says, Peaches continue reaching for your goal even if challenges arise and don't give up!

Mukayuhsak Weekuw: The Children's House is Now Open!

4 00 years ago Europeans were becoming a more frequent sight around what is now Massachusetts. 400 years ago young Wampanoag men were being captured as slaves, and entire villages were being wiped out due to European diseases and war. And 400 years ago Wampanoag children stopped being taught by Wampanoag teachers using Wôpanâôt8âók (the Wampanoag language). 400 years ago was the historic beginning of a long, difficult road for the Wampanoag people.

Thankfully, the Wampanoag people persevered down this difficult road against all odds and today can celebrate the rekindling of a practice once lost, but not forgotten, 400 years ago. On Friday, September 9 Mukayuhsak Weekuw (The Children's House) the first full-day Wampanoag language immersion classroom in 400 years opened to tribal children.

This historic event is the result of a partnership between the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP), the Montessori Academy of Cape Cod and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

For Vice Chairwoman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and WLRP Founder Jessie "little doe" Baird the school opening is something we owed our children. "When we started the work to revive the Wôpanâak Language, we all knew the work we had undertaken was truly about our youth," said Jessie. "It's the birth right of each Wampanoag child and adult to speak her or his Language given by the Creator. The opening of our school is a big step in realizing that goal and I could



not be prouder of each and every person that had a part in WLRP getting to this point."

Mukayuhsak Weekuw will serve 14 children, ranging in age from 2-1/2 to 5 years old, and offer 1,000 hours of language immersion this academic year, helping to create a new generation of Wampanoag language speakers.

And, from Jennifer Weston, WLRP Director, "On this, our inaugural day, we are extremely grateful to be joining a dedicated and supportive community of language immersion schools throughout Indian Country."

For more information about WLRP and Mukayuhsak Weekuw, please visit www.wlrp.org.

Mukayuhsak Weekuw Receives Grant (continued)



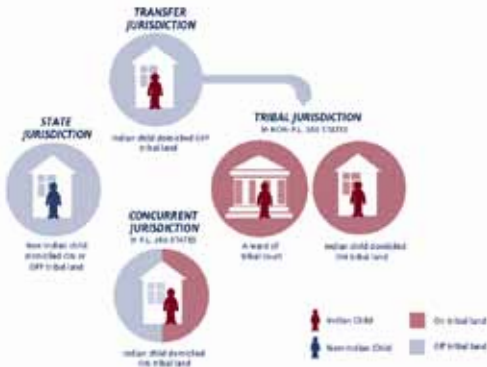
The ANA has an average 400 applications per year and only awards 11. This is WLRP's third ANA grant and its first via Esther Martinez. To receive the award even one time is a monumental accomplishment, but to have been chosen a third time is a testament to the amazing work taking place in this organization and the positive impact it's having on the Wampanoag community.

"Each time we've received this grant we've made the best use of the funding and overproduced on our goals," said Jessie. "We've also found ways to bridge any funding gaps to keep our project moving forward. We had a gap in funding last year and thankfully our Tribal Council stepped up to assist with funding...without this support we would not have been able to keep our staff of nine employed."

The support WLRP received from Tribal Council and the Esther Martinez Language Immersion Fund has given our children a brighter future firmly grounded in Wôpanâôt8âók (the Wampanoag language).



Tribal Child Welfare Jurisdiction



National Indian Child Welfare Association and the Native Nations Institute recently published a study entitled "Tribal Child Welfare Codes as Sovereignty in Action". We will continue to explore the Jurisdictional rules that we covered in the last article. The jurisdictional rules covered were exclusive jurisdiction, concurrent jurisdiction, and transfer jurisdiction.

These jurisdictional rules, recognized by ICWA and described in case law, apply to all tribes regardless of the language in their child welfare codes. Nonetheless, it may be helpful for tribes, in writing their own welfare laws, to reiterate their self-determined choices regarding child welfare jurisdiction and clarify which types of cases their child welfare authorities and courts will manage and which will be left to the state. Furthermore, tribal codes can make explicit statements about jurisdiction that go above and beyond the minimum standards established by ICWA. For example some tribes assert jurisdiction over all children, Indian or not, who live with tribal members on the reservation; over non-Indian children when an emergency arises; or over the children of families who consent to the jurisdiction of the tribe.

Museum Events

Craft Night

Mondays

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MWTCGC Elder's Kitchen (temporary)

Pre School Language Hour

Fridays

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

MWTCGC Elder's Kitchen (temporary)

Eagle's Nest: Mashpee Pond (correction)



In September we ran a piece from our Medicine Man Guy "Soaring Eagle" Cash that was not complete. Below is the correct, complete message from our Medicine Man.

Mashpee Pond

From Mashpee will shine tonight to the Mashpee Nine and as you watch in silence as we play volleyball, you still bring smiles to our children's faces and as the crackling of the

fire sends its sparks up high as it travels with the smoke only to be taken by the wind and as the fires reflection dances on your face while the full moon plays second to the starry sky. Oh Great Mashpee Pond, all the stories oh all the stories there are of those who still call you Great Mashpee Pond.

However there are those who still remember you as Jordan.

A Comparison Between Courts, Mediation and Peacemaking

Below is a summary of Peacemaking Circles: From Crime to Community by Kay Pranis, Barry Stuart, and Mark Wedge (2003). This portion of the article addresses the Medicine Wheel and its connection to the Peacemaking Circle.

The Medicine Wheel is a circle divided into four quadrants. Each quadrant represents equally important aspects of our being: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. Each aspect is essential to our lives and must be held in balance for anything we do to be successful.

Peacemaking circles draw on all four dimensions to establish balance. The experience of being in a Peacemaking Circle takes us some of the way there. Our physical presence honors the Peacemaking Circle. We can further honor the Peacemaking Circle by observing common courtesies such as arriving on time and staying physically present through difficult conversations instead of taking many individual breaks.

We honor the Peacemaking Circle by remaining mentally engaged with others when it is their turn to speak. We should remain mindful of our values and the Peacemaking Circle's values while we listen. Doing this allows self-reflection while at the same time identifying the needs and interests of other members of the group.

Remaining present with and in our

feelings emotionally honors the Peacemaking Circle. It helps us express ourselves at a deeper level. It allows us to express our hopes, needs, and fears. It also makes us better able to understand those same expressions from others in the group.

Accessing our spiritual dimension allows us to experience more authentic connections with the Peacemaking Circle and its members. Sharing stories and finding a common bond with others propels us toward healing, because we begin to recognize a more harmonious existence with the community and the people in it.

Peacemaking Circles put us in a position to explore our differences. We can begin to address questions that start from a position of seeking the potential in differences instead of attempting to conquer them. The Peacemaking Circle gives an opportunity to grow and change so that life after the Peacemaking Circle is better than before we participated.



Judge Approves Motion by Tribe in Land Case by Haven Orecchio-Egresitz, CCT

A federal judge has ruled that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has the right to participate in certain future court proceedings related to the lawsuit seeking to block its East Taunton casino project.

Last month, the tribe's legal team filed a motion in U.S. District Court in Boston seeking a role in any future court action related to a July judgment against the U.S. Department of the Interior's decision to take land in Taunton and Mashpee into trust for the tribe's initial reservation. Judge William Young allowed that motion Friday.

"This is an important legal victory," Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman Cedric Cromwell said. "It allows us to directly participate in the case."

The tribe's involvement is limited to the judgment Young made in July, according to the ruling.

The suit was brought earlier this year by East Taunton neighbors after the Interior Department approved 151 acres in the city as part of an initial reservation. The land in



Taunton was to be used for First Light Resort & Casino.

In July, Young sent the decision back to the Interior Department, rejecting its reliance on a second definition of Indian in the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. Interior officials had used that definition to bypass a

2009 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, known as the Carciere decision, that called into question the federal government's ability to take land into trust for tribes recognized after 1934. The Mashpee tribe was federally acknowledged in 2007.

- Cape Cod Times

Vice Chairwoman Enters Second Term on Historic District Commission

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Vice Chairwoman Jessie "little doe" Baird was sworn in for her 2nd term on the town of Mashpee Historic District Commission on Tuesday, September 13. The commission consists of seven members, including tribal citizen Earl Mills, Sr. Earl is the chairman of the commission and Jessie serves as the vice chairwoman.

"It's so important that the Tribe is represented at the town level and that our voice and values are heard," said Jessie. "Thankfully I'm able to sit side by side with Earl on this commission and we are able to work together to preserve the original parcels left in our community. I remember what Main Street was like when I was young and it's changed so much since then. It's important that we preserve what's left."

The historic district commission was formed in 2008 shortly after the town



approved the creation of a historic district in Mashpee. The historic district runs along Main Street from Cotuit Road to Ashumet Road and up Great Neck Road North to Meetinghouse Road.

The Historic District Commission was charged with developing guidelines that are meant to maintain the character of the Main Street area. We're fortunate to have two, devoted tribal citizens sitting on the commission.

You're Invited: Evening Potluck Social

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe would like to invite our Tribal Community to come out and share in our rich history, food, and culture for an Evening Potluck Social on Wednesday, October 19. The Tribe will be hosting the 2016 EPA Region One "Tribal Leaders Summit and Environmental Conference" October 18-20; and on the evening of Wednesday, October 19 we would like to invite our guests to come out and meet our Tribal Community. Conference attendees and guest to our homelands will include tribal leaders and environmental directors from the 10 Tribal Nations within EPA Region One, EPA administrators, and representatives from U.S. federal agencies. Let's welcome our conference guests with a taste of Mashpee!

For further inquiries on this event please contact our Natural Resources Director, Casey Thornbrugh (Casey.Thornbrugh@mwtribe.com 508-477-0208 Ext. 131) or the Assistant Director, George "Chuckie" Green (cgreen@mwtribe.com 508-477-0208 Ext. 138).

Election Committee Seeking Volunteers

The Election Committee is currently seeking volunteers and monitors for the upcoming regular election on Sunday, February 12, 2017. If interested, please email Latoya Green at LGreen@mwtribe.com.

Coming Home: The Wall Raising Ceremony

Standing side by side with family, tribal members, and a team of volunteers she'd just met, Latoya Green raised the first walls of her new home being constructed by Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod. A home she will share with her two children, Leonard (5) and Lydia (6), a home that will bring her family back to Mashpee.

Speaking at the wall raising ceremony that was held on September 10 at the site of her new home in Mashpee, Latoya had trouble holding back her emotions. "I'm going to have a hard time holding back the tears while I talk. This means so much to me and my kids," said Latoya. "I never thought I would own a home of my own in Mashpee - the homeland of my tribe. It's just so expensive to buy a house around here. I thought we would be bouncing around from rental to rental for the rest of our lives, but then this amazing group came along. I still can't believe we were picked for this. It's a life-changing gift. Thank you."

Prior to the wall raising, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Medicine Man Guy "Soaring Eagle" Cash brought the crowd of volunteers together in a circle, led a traditional ceremony and offered prayers for all. The ceremony and smudging - both of the volunteers and home - reminded everyone of the important work taking place and the new beginnings being created.

Victoria Goldsmith, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Cape Cod, was moved by the opening ceremony. Having participated in many wall-raising ceremonies, Victoria was happy to see a traditional aspect included in the event. "The opening service was the best I have ever seen. The Wampanoag Medicine Man put on a service with fire, smoke, and a blessing. The new owner spoke and all had to be moved, she cried during the



whole time, talking about children who would now have their own bedrooms and a yard to play in," said Victoria. "We could not have made a better choice."

Latoya's home is one of two homes in Mashpee being built by volunteers from Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod in Mashpee.

A faith-based charity, Habitat has completed nearly 100 volunteer-built homes on Cape Cod. To be eligible to purchase a Habitat home, families must have income that is at or below 65 percent of the area median income. They must also be able to make a monthly payment on a low- or no-interest mortgage, and they must be willing to contribute at least 250 hours of labor to help build the house. Habitat homes are deed-restricted to be affordable in perpetuity.

Latoya said she's looking forward to putting in the sweat equity and is absolutely humbled by the fact that complete strangers are helping to build her home. "I can't wait to come home for good."



Traditional Clambake and Fundraiser



Make sure to bring your appetite to the Alice Lopez Traditional Clambake. The clambake will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center powwow grounds. The event is being held rain or shine and children 12 and under will get a free hot dog and drink. The fundraiser is open to the public...so please invite all your family and friends to attend.

Tickets for the clambake are \$35 and there are only a limited number of tickets being sold. To purchase your tickets, please contact Carol Lopez at (508) 505-6693.

The Alice May Lopez Memorial Fund Statue Committee is sponsoring the event. All funds raised from the event will benefit the fund and its goal of raising \$100,000 to create a life-sized bronze statue in memorial of Alice who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 49 in 2011. Alice was the founder and first director of the Tribe's Housing Department.

Volunteer on Habitat Team

Latoya Green is in the process of constructing her new home thanks to the support she's received from Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod and a wonderful team of volunteers. Like all Habitat for Humanity homes, Latoya has committed herself to putting in at least 250 hours of sweat equity. The 250 hours can be completed by Latoya, her family or anybody else that stops by to help out for a few hours.

Construction is taking place every Tuesday and Saturday at the site of her new home on Orchard Road. If you would like to volunteer - and volunteers are not required to have previous construction experience - please visit www.habitatcapecod.org and

register as a new volunteer. You'll have an opportunity under the "My Info" section to select the volunteer activities that interest you and your level of experience. You'll also need to choose the "Friends and Family - Latoya Green" group to join the team.

Any hours you complete on the project will count towards Latoya's hours. There's a lot of work to be done and many, many different ways you can participate. Latoya hopes to see you on the construction site and thanks you in advance for any support you can give. Also, please consider volunteering on any of the other Habitat for Humanity projects that are in your area.



Employment and Training Department Recognized at National Conference

On August 23, with over 500 native workforce professionals in attendance, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe was recognized for its commitment to employment and training.

The National Indian and Native American Employment Training Council (NINAETC) presented the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Employment and Training Department with the 2016 Outstanding Grantee Award during its 37th annual conference held in Reno, Nevada from August 21 to 25.

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Employment and Training Director Yvonne Tobey was pleased to accept the award on behalf of her team and Tribe. "I like to believe that over the past six years, the Employment and Training Department has strived to fulfill its mission to assist tribal citizens with the training and supportive services to become self-sufficient," said Yvonne. "I'd also like to say how appreciative I am of the support I received from Native Americans all over the country who shared their knowledge and best practices with me."

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe was one of six native organizations selected for the national award. The other organizations that received the award were the Tule River Indian Tribe, Native Americans for Community Action, United Tribes of Kansas and South East

Nebraska, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Inter-Tribal Council of Louisiana.

In an online statement to the award recipients NINAETC Chief of Division of Indian and Native American Programs Athena Brown express her gratitude for the great work these organizations and Tribe's are doing in Indian Country. "It is so important to recognize your achievements and give yourselves credit for the work you are doing," said Athena. "I know that there is no way possible to recognize all the good work out there - but I want you to know that it is always an honor to work with such dedicated programs across the country."

The Tribe was selected for this award because of its outstanding commitment to its clients and its forward thinking approach. In the award letter NINAETC noted that the relationships Yvonne and her team have developed with local workforce boards, private employers and unions have improved opportunities for tribal citizens. Anticipating the Tribe receiving land into trust, Yvonne identified two agencies that provided free OSHA 10 certification. These certifications made it possible for tribal citizens to work on federal construction projects. It was this type of forward thinking that has allowed Yvonne and her staff to go above and beyond.

Vice-Chairwomen Opens Centennial Event

On August 25th, the Tribe's vice-chairwomen opened the National Park Service 100 year anniversary Celebration. Jessie "little doe" Baird, spoke on the history of Cape Cod as our original homelands that Wampanoag's have been occupying for thousands of years.

The event commemorates the enactment of President Woodrow Wilson's Organic Act law, signed on August 25, 1916 that officially marked the creation of the National Park Service. The tribe and NPS has always had a great relationship with common interests of protecting our land and environment. The NPS continues to share and encourage their mission to "preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations." Jessie's attendance not only kept our relationship strong with the organization but also gave insight on facts of history that was able to education a diverse audience of age, race, and gender.

The celebration, that took place at the

Cape Cod National Seashore Salt Pond Visitor Center, where they endured in presentation, awards, and cake. Not only does the center provide a great view of the Cape's finest resources, but also has an exhibit on Wampanoag People including some of Mashpee's finest individuals. If you are ever in the area, it's definitely a sight to see.



LIHEAP Applications Opened Oct. 1

Starting November 1 (applications can be submitted starting October 1), home energy assistance will be available for eligible Tribal Families in need of assistance paying their home heating bill. If you are unable to pay your energy bill, your home may not be safe and you may be at risk of serious illness or injury. Please do not wait until you've run out of fuel or your heat has been turned off.

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

What is LIHEAP? LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with their home heating bills. LIHEAP is here to help you stay warm in the winter and reducing the risk of health and safety problems, such as illness, fire and eviction.

Who is Eligible?

- Those who meet the State and/or Tribal Income Guidelines
- Elderly within the guidelines
- Veteran within the guidelines
- Family with child under five years old within the guidelines
- Unemployed and within guidelines
- Heat is not included within your rent and you meet the guidelines

What Information do You Need?

- Recent copy of your primary heating/ utility bill
- Recent payroll stub for everyone in household 18 years of age and over (income will be calculated on a yearly net income basis)
- Documentation showing Social Security, unemployment, pension fund, disability, self-employment (1099), businesses owned companies
- Final Utility Termination Notice (Shut-off notice)
- Proof of present address, mortgage bill/deed, lease, property tax bill
- Proof of total members living in your household (school records, tax records, etc.)
- Proof of citizenship (Green Card),
- Tribal ID for all household members

For more information or to apply, please contact Shakira Askew at (508) 477-0208 x159 or at shakira.askew@mwtribe.com.



Tribe Receives Self-Governance Grant by Sam Houghton, Mashpee Enterprise

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe recently received a federal grant that will provide guidance as it progresses toward its goal of self-governance.

The Indian Health Service, an agency within the US Department of Health and Human Services, awarded the tribe's health department \$70,000 to hire a public health consultant firm to conduct a year-long study of tribal health services. The grant came through the Office of Tribal Self-Governance.

Tribal leaders involved in the grant-writing process are excited with what comes with the year-long study.

"We are doing what we are here to do as a sovereign nation," said Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and health liaison. "The Mashpee Wampanoag People, since day one, we strive to take care of our own. If we can show that we have great leaders in place, we can take this to another level."

The grant program began following the self-determination act of 1975 that provided recognized tribes the ability to contract health services out to the federal Indian health department. It is not a requirement for tribes but an option. As tribes become more secure with resources, they can begin to take on the health services in-house.

P. Benjamin Smith, director of the Office of Tribal Self-Governance, said that with more than 500 federally recognized tribes, seeking to provide health services through the federal agency that meet the individual needs of each tribe can sometimes leave gaps.

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"Each tribe has their own story and their own needs," Mr. Smith said in a telephone interview from his office in Washington, DC. "We have not found a cookie-cutter solution for each tribe."

In an effort to fill in the gaps, they created the Tribal Management Grant Program.

In the 2016 recipient cycle, the agency awarded \$1.5 million to 16 tribes; all but the Mashpee tribe were in the western part of the country.

In Mashpee, the year-long study could help identify if the tribe has the capacity to assume all or part of the existing health needs provided by Indian Health Services. The services could range anywhere from services provided by an in-house doctor to a fully-functioning hospital. The grant would help develop a business plan to obtain the services suggested for the tribe to take over.

The tribe hired John Snow, Inc., a Boston-based public health management consulting firm.

"John Snow, Inc., is extremely pleased to be able to work in partnership with Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe on their desire to

explore the feasibility of tribal management for their members' health care services," said Ann Keehn of the firm. "[We are] deeply committed to improving the health of individuals and communities around the world and we see this project as an opportunity to carry out that commitment.

"Working with Billie [Mills] and Cheryl [Cromwell] to prepare the application was a wonderful experience in cooperation and I am personally very excited to be a part of this exploration with them," she said.

Ms. Mills, an assistant planner for the tribe, was the primary writer for the grant. She said that they chose to seek this specific grant to assess where the tribe can cover gaps in health services provided by the federal government, or to see if they could even take over all health services.

Danielle Hill, a senior planner with the tribe who assisted in applying for the grant, said that they chose this particular grant to help accommodate for the rapid growth within the tribe. Indian Health Services, she said, cannot appropriately address some areas of health service adequately. She said the grant could help meet the needs of all tribal members.

Ms. Cromwell said that the outcome of the year-long study will be exciting and will serve as a mark of how far the tribe has come in their quest for self-governance. She and other leaders in the tribe's health services are looking to take self-governance as high as they can. A hospital on their Mashpee land is not out of the question, she said.

LIHEAP Pellet Stove Lottery

LIHEAP and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe want you to stay warm this winter with a new pellet stove. Now through Friday, October 28 the Tribe will be accepting applications for the lottery at the Community and Government Center.

There are many benefits that come with converting to a Pellet Stove. Among the many wood-burning stoves available, pellet stoves are the easiest to operate. The biggest advantage of pellet stoves is the fuel

cost. Also, there's NO external heat when operating which makes it ideal for families with children and pets. You must meet all required qualifications to apply and quantity is limited! Applications will be available October 1st and are due Friday, October 28.

For more information about the lottery or applying, please contact Fuel Assistance Coordinator Shakira Askew at (508) 477-0208 x 159.

Food Pantry Hours

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Food pantry is here to ensure tribal citizens and their families always have food on their shelves. The food pantry is located on the ground floor of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center and is open Monday to Thursday each week (Please see below for a complete list of hours open).

The Food Pantry receives support from the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Tribal Council along with contributions from members of the community and a Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant.

Food Pantry Hours

Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday: Closed

Opening Powwow Committee Members

The Powwow Committee is looking for dedicated Tribal citizens interested in helping to plan and oversee the Tribe's annual Powwow. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please send a letter of interest to Francie Dottin, executive

administrative assistant to the chairman, at fdottin@mwtribe.com.

Remembering the Bright Life of Marial M. Harper

On Saturday evening August 27 at 8pm the world lost one of its brightest lights. Our beloved Marial - known to us as Grammie, spent a beautiful day with her loving husband of 50 years and dear friends eating barbecue and sharing laughs, returned home happy, checked the mail, watered her plants on the deck, sat down at the dining room table to catch her breath, and just quietly stopped breathing with no pain and no fear, leaving us all after 82 brilliant years on this earth.

The year was 1962, the average home cost \$12,500, gas was .23 cents a gallon, President Kennedy was in the White House and I was in the third grade. My mother was a vibrant twenty-eight year old. One night in early spring, she brought me to an orchestral concert at the old New Bedford High School where a few years earlier she had begun what would be her life-long career in education.

We sat together in the balcony and the flutes intrigued me, the stage lights reflecting off these shiny silver instruments. I remember quietly whispering to my mom how much I would like to try playing one. To my great fortune, she listened to me and she took action. Nearly fifty years later her thoughtful act of paying attention has enriched my life and the lives of my daughters.

In 1963, she met "Ronnie", a practicing attorney, and they fell in love. Their decision to marry soon followed. The oddsmakers smugly and confidently gave their marriage less than 6 months. But what followed was a true testament of love and a beautiful, understanding relationship that has lasted over 50 years. A true lesson for us all.

Grammie had a spirit and personality of love combined with a sincere compassion that was larger than life. Her gracious style infused a person the moment they met her. Whether it was the guy behind the counter or a Supreme Court justice, everyone felt her presence. She spoke to people with love and concern and demonstrated genuine heart-felt interest. She had the rare and unearthly ability to see a person as if through God's eyes. Not so much of who they were, but rather who they could be. This made everyone feel as if they were her best friend.

Her ability to connect with people young and old and her reputation for honest compassion led to a quick and well-deserved advancement in the public school system. In 1973 she became the first woman to become a housemaster in charge of running the Blue House at New Bedford High School, a position she would hold until she retired in 1997. She loved her work, her administrative peers and teachers, and she loved the connection with the thousands of students that walked



those halls every day. And they in turn loved her.

Grammie never stopped wanting to learn. She diligently studied her native Wampanoag, was a sucker for new household gadgets she could order online, had a love-hate relationship with her MAC and iPad, was an avid reader, loved her German shepherds, enjoyed watching horror movies, and for some reason collected elephant memorabilia.

Our beautiful Grammie was 82, but on those good days and there were many, she looked as though she was merely approaching 50. The picture attached to this article was taken only a week before her passing. Her laugh was infectious and her upbeat outlook on life was real and it is probably those two main attributes that kept her so young at heart and alive with that youthful look and spirit.

But her deepest devotion and passion was selflessly given to her children and six grandchildren. For over 50 years she attended nearly every one of our musical performances or sporting events unless she was physically or geographically unable to do so. The memories of her standing or sitting in wind-chilled 30 degree weather at Sargent Field or at Dartmouth High to watch one of her own compete for 3 hours are permanently etched in each of our minds. There was no event that involved her grandchildren that was too difficult, too cold, too long or too uncomfortable for her to be there. And she did it all with not the slightest complaint. This magnificent lady was to each of us our biggest fan, our loudest cheerleader, and our most reliable and dependable earthly source of comfort. She played no favorites and by her actions she proved it day after day, year after year.

A walk through Grammie's home re-

veals her priorities. Hundreds of photographs surround you of all her grandchildren at nearly every age of their lives. Every room of her house from the kitchen to the bathrooms to the basement, reveal scenes of newborns, toddlers at play, middle and high school performances, college graduations, and even the normal everyday moments plastered on refrigerators, shelves, cabinet doors, taking up each and every square inch of available space. She delighted in her family above all else.

A friend told me recently that when you grieve so intensely, it is only because you loved so deeply. Feeling the grief, I carefully studied all that was hers. I was fascinated by her interest and passion for elephants. She has collected elephant memorabilia for years that include small and large elephant figurines, bronze wall hangings, elephant paintings, books on elephants, elephant pillow cases, elephant bookends, elephant dishwasher magnets, elephant lawn ornaments and more. Not long ago, one of the granddaughters made an all varsity attempt to count every elephant reference in her home but tired as the number climbed toward 200.

I don't know why elephants held such an appeal, and I don't believe I ever asked her. But how comical and perfectly ironic that this tremendous and joyful woman who couldn't remember a single name, loved the elephant, an animal with the greatest memory of all.

I am not sure if it's true about elephants never forgetting, but what we do know without question as your loving family, as your many friends, and those of us who were just mere acquaintances, what we know is that it will be impossible for us to ever forget the beautiful and still vibrant soul you were and will remain to be.

Sign Up for Alerts

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Emergency Preparedness Department has an emergency alert notification system through the Massachusetts Health and Homeland Alert Network (HHAN). The HHAN provides secure web-based communication and other information sharing capabilities throughout the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal community. Tribal members who choose to sign up may be notified of real-time emergency alerts.

If you would like to be added to the list then please contact the MWT Emergency Management Director Nelson Andrews Jr at: (508) 477-5800 x 15 or at nelson.andrews@mwtribe.com.

Granny Squannit Walk

Please join us for the 2016 Granny Squannit Walk. Food will be provided along with fun activities for all ages.

Where: Mashpee
Wampanoag
Government Center

When: October 22, 2016
Time: 4:30 Activities will
start.

Walk will start at Dusk

COMMUNITY



Movie Night at the Meeting House

A special screening of the documentary *Mashpee Nine: The Beat Goes On* will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Indian Meeting House.

The 55 minute documentary produced by Wampanoag citizens Paula Peters and Talia Landry features the story of nine Mashpee men who were brutally arrested after a summer night of feasting, socializing and drumming on Mashpee pond 40 years ago. Remembered as a cultural injustice throughout Indian country the incident sparked local outrage and activism, and a response by the American Indian Movement.

"The meeting House has been a gathering place for the Wampanoag for centuries and I feel like this story will be right at home there," Peters said, "the historic nature of the place will set a perfect tone for the evening."

Unapologetically told in the Wampanoag voice the film includes diverse perspective and recollection in the context of cultural perseverance during a period of dramatic growth and change. In 1976 Mashpee was a rural Native American community on the threshold of gentrification.

Four decades later this story continues to be relevant in terms of the Wampanoag culture, town and Tribe relations in Mashpee and the more global issue of law enforcement abuses of power.

The product of more than two and a half years of research, interviews and editing the film will refresh the memories of some while providing a historically accurate snapshot of Mashpee in the 1970s for others with a few surprises in the end.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$9.99. The DVD, tee shirts and companion book, *Mashpee Nine: A Story of Cultural Justice*, written by the film's producer Paula Peters will also be available for purchase before and after the film.

Please consider bringing a cushion to sit on and improve the comfort of the historic wooden benches.

Movie Night at the Old Indian Meeting House is being hosted by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Historic Preservation Office and the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum with support from the Old Indian Meeting House Committee.

Election *(continued)*

The Tribal Election will be held for the seats of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and one Tribal Council Member.

Election Day:

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Voting Hours:

Enrolled Elders and Disabled Persons:
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Enrolled Elders, Disabled Persons and other Tribal Members:
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location:

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Community & Government Center
483 Great Neck Road South
Mashpee, MA 02649

Five (5) Tribal Council Seats:

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer
Tribal Council Member