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IN THE NEWS

Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutuwam (Hello My Tribal Community);

Happy Spring! As we enter this season of renewal and rebirth, our Tribe is redoubling our efforts to achieve our goals in 2011. At the March General Body Meeting, Tribal Council announced the expansion of our external team, including the addition of former US Congressman Bill Delahunt. We are extremely excited to have Bill on board. As you know, Bill represented the South Shore, Cape and Islands in Congress for fourteen years. During that time, he was a consistent champion of our cause, pressuring the federal government to move on our recognition and to treat our Tribe with the respect to which we are entitled as a sovereign tribal nation. Bill's new role will be a continuation of his advocacy on our behalf, joining the rest of our external team, along with Tribal officers, in fighting for our rights on the state and federal level. Working together, we will make great progress on our efforts to provide housing, healthcare, education, and economic assistance to our people.

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Bill Delahunt to Represent Tribe

Former Congressman Bill Delahunt will join the team representing the Tribe and its interests at the state and federal

level. Delahunt is an attorney and Chairman of the Delahunt Group and represented the Massachusetts Tenth Congressional District from 1997-2010. He has had a long history of working with the Tribe and advocating on behalf of its concerns.

Chairman Cedric Cromwell described the new relationship as a natural extension of Delahunt's longstanding advocacy on the Tribe's behalf. "Bill has fought for our Tribe for years, defending us and advancing our interests as a Member

of Congress when few people would step forward on our behalf," Cromwell said. "Our Tribe was fortunate to have him as our Congressman, and we are excited to have his voice and continued advocacy on our behalf."

"I have had the privilege of working with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe during my fourteen years in Congress, particularly on their efforts to receive federal recognition, which had been delayed for over thirty years," Delahunt recalled. "The history of this Tribe's dealings with our government is replete with bureaucracy, impasse, inertia, and sometimes outright hostility. The Tribe has rights as a sovereign nation, and more importantly, treating them with respect and helping them achieve self-sufficiency is simply the right thing to do. I am proud to represent them."



15th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball



More on the Wampanoag Ball on the back cover

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Calendar of Events

Weekly Events

Mondays - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, *Mashop Farm, 213 Sampson Mill Rd.*

Mondays - 5:30 p.m.

Youth Cultural Night, *Mashpee Rod and Gun Club*

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m.

Noun Possession Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.

Beginner Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

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

Beading and Crafts, *MWT Headquarters*

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.

Transitive Inanimate Verb Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Fridays - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry, *Mashpee Baptist Church*

Additional Events

April 10 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

April 12 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tribal Diabetes Initiative Workgroup, *Health Office*

April 19 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.

Tribal "HOPE" (Hospice) Program Initiative Workgroup, *Health Office*

April 21 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Grandparents raising Grandchildren Support Group, *Health Office*

April 22 - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Second Annual Quahog Day

May 7 - 11:00 a.m.

Wampanoag New Year, *Old Indian Meeting House*

May 15 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School (please note this is being held on the third Sunday)*



Youth Tribal Dance Classes



Tribal dance classes are being held during the Sunday General Body meetings this spring. Our first class was great. The kids got to see each dance and were able to choose the style they wanted to learn.

Now it's time for them to dance. We have experienced championship dancers teaching Jingle, Fancy (shawl), Traditional, Eastern Blanket, and Eastern War and we just added Men's Northern Traditional. Please bring shawls, fans, war clubs and your dancing spirit. Open to all youth, this class will run every 2nd Sunday until June. We're aiming to get the kids ready for not only our Powwow but also for the Harvard University Powwow in May. Hope to see you there!

* Glenn Michael Frye would like to share that his daughter, **Hailee Joy Frye**, received an Honor Roll award for English for the month of December, 2010. She is a freshman at Mashpee High School. Congratulations Hailee Joy.

2nd Annual Quahog Day

The second annual Quahog Day will be held on Friday, April 22, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the Tribal Council Office at 483 Great Neck Road South. Flyers with more details will be posted at Tribal Offices and on the website.

For more information, contact Sherry Pocknett at (774) 521-7405 or Evelyn Peters-Fermino at (774) 238-8594



Wampanoag New Year

Save the Date

Wampanoag New Year Celebration ~ A Symbol of New Beginnings

Saturday, May 7, 2011 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Hosted by the Old Indian Meeting House Committee

Carol Lopez ~ Committee Chairwoman

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Seeking a new Housing Director

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is seeking qualified candidates for the role of Housing Director. The full description of this important role is available at Tribal headquarters.

Summary: Manages plans and coordinates all housing programs, housing projects and the day-to-day activities of the Housing Dept. to ensure project goals and objectives are met within the prescribed time frames and funding parameters by performing the following duties:

Essential Management Duties and Responsibilities

Adhere to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribes' policies, procedures and tribal laws and uphold the Office of Housing Director in compliance with all federal laws and statutes.

Provide leadership to and take direction from the MWTC and the MWT Housing Commission while facilitating the growth in policy development, project management and program development.

Forecast, plan, organize, administer and monitor the progress of the Indian Housing Block Grant and other housing grants, public or private funds and programs within the department.

Plan, organize and coordinate public meetings to communicate the development, progress of the housing programs and community planning developments.

Develop programs that provide financial assistance to eligible MWT members with housing issues or other issues that may assist the tribal member in maintaining permanent housing.

Prepare for State and/or Federal Housing programs and other delegated duties, such as training for employees, commissioners and project manager.

Provide program services for Tribal members including household

budgeting, job placement, landlord advocacy and applying for subsidized housing programs.

Regularly monitor all accounting operations; payroll, purchase orders and budgetary procedures.

Manage all new construction projects and maintenance projects under the housing department and through community planning

efforts.

In collaboration with MWTC and the Housing Commissioners the Director will fulfill the long term housing strategy, land use plans, develop site selection criteria for all housing requirements and negotiate the purchase of eligible properties with the available funds under the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Chairman's Message *(continued)*

I often have the opportunity to update you on the Tribal officers' and lobbying team's efforts to make sure our voices are heard, and tell you about our frequent meetings in Washington and Boston. But recently, I have heard from a number of Tribal members who want to use their voices as well. I think that this is a fantastic idea, and I pledge to facilitate and encourage every individual's right to make his or her voice heard.

At the March General Body Meeting, we presented some guidelines and ideas for how Tribal members can go about being effective advocates for our Tribe. First and foremost, every eligible Tribal member needs to be registered to vote. We have registration forms at Tribal Council headquarters, or you may go to your town or city clerk. Please encourage all of your family members and friends to make sure they are registered, then exercise their right to vote!

Second, you should feel free to contact the people who represent you on the state and federal levels. Every communication is an opportunity to educate people about our history, our rights, and our goals. If you live in Massachusetts, you can find out who represents you by going to wheredoivotema.com or calling your town clerk. We have

postcards that you can use to write to your legislators available at Tribal Council headquarters, or you can always write your own letters or emails. As you tell your story, please remember to be positive, courteous, focused and accurate. You have a proud, strong voice, and you should use it!

Let's take the great enthusiasm that so many have shown recently and transfer it to these efforts. I am so impressed by the level of involvement in tribal activities. The 15th Annual Wampanoag Ball was amazing, with hundreds of Tribal members, family, friends and neighbors gathering and sharing good medicine. Dozens of our youth have taken advantage of the opportunity to train at Falmouth Academy, and wowed the crowd at our March General meeting with their demonstration of the skills they are learning. And our young basketball players and cheerleaders, along with their families and supporters, represented us proudly once again at the Spirit Lake Basketball Tournament. I thank everyone who has taken the time to participate, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon and keeping our positive momentum going.

Kataputumuw;

Qaqemasq (Running Bear)

Register with Indian Health Service (IHS)

No matter what type of health insurance you have or do not have, you should be registered with Indian Health Service (IHS). There are a wide variety of programs for Tribal members through IHS that can reduce a person's medical expenses and help them lead a healthier life, but only if the person is registered.

Rita Gonsalves, health director, would like to get every Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Member registered with IHS. "There are approximately 700 people currently registered with our office, and I know there are a lot more Tribal Members that could benefit from the programs we offer, but we need to get them registered first." The Mashpee Service Unit/IHS site provides Contract Health Services for Tribal Members that live in Barnstable County, Norfolk County, Suffolk County, Bristol County, and Plymouth County. "It's important that people that live within the five counties we service



register," said Rita.

Registering with IHS not only provides a direct benefit to the Tribal Member, it also helps the IHS office better serve the entire community. "The funding and services we provide are based on the number of people registered in our database and their medical needs," said Rita. "Government funding is based on user population and more users may allow us to provide a wider range of services as the number of people that register with IHS grows."

Registration can be completed at the IHS office, located at 33 Great Neck Road South in Mashpee. Lorraine Reels in Patient Registration will walk you through the registration process. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (508) 477-0209.

The mission of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health Center is to provide quality, comprehensive healthcare to Native American members and their families in a culturally sensitive manner promoting good health, safe-lifestyles, well-being and harmony.

Eye and Vision Care Program

Tribal Members can take advantage of an eye/vision care program being offered through the Indian Health Services (IHS) Contracted Health Services program. This program can provide up to \$250 for adults every two years and \$350 for children each year to be used towards the cost of exams, glasses, contacts, and insurance copays. Funding is limited and subject to changes.

Dr. Alan Leavitt, optometrist at Bayview Optometrics, sees this as one of the best eye/vision programs he has ever encountered and is happy to be one of the CHS providers for the Tribe. "This is a unique and wonderful program and everyone should take

advantage of it," said Dr. Leavitt. "Basically, you can walk into our office get new glasses or contacts, and have little to no out of pocket expenses." Bayview Optometrics is located in the Mashpee Commons and is currently accepting new patients. Their website is www.bayviewoptometrics.com and their phone number is (508) 477-7423.



Health Department Update

Tribal members are invited to join the following programs:

Tribal Diabetes Initiative Workgroup meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Tribal "HOPE" (Hospice) Program Initiative Workgroup meeting: Tuesday, April 19, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Grandparents raising Grandchildren Support Group meeting: Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings take place at the Tribal Health Department, 33 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA

Refreshments will be available.

For more information call Health Committee Chair Steve Helme at the Health Office (508) 477-0209.

The IHS Office currently provides Contracted Health Services (CHS) with almost 200 health care providers. The CHS program helps cover the cost of medical, dental, and eye care provided away from the IHS facility. You must be registered with IHS to take advantage of the CHS program. You have to contact Robyn Stamps in the IHS office



prior to making an appointment with a CHS provider. Please contact the IHS office at (508) 477-0209 for additional information.

WIA CLIENTS HAVING GREAT SUCCESS!

It has certainly been a busy month in the WIA office, but when you have successes like these it is well worth the effort.

Congratulations to tribal member Michael Monteiro of Falmouth. Michael completed the National Iron Workers Program for American Indians, Inc., in Chicago, Illinois. But this was only Phase I. Phase II of the program means that Michael will re-locate to Miami, Florida, where his new employment as a pipefitter begins. Good luck with your new career, Michael - we know you will make us proud!

Congratulations to Earl Cash, III of South Yarmouth. After several weeks of patiently waiting and

attending various WIA workshops, Earl has been accepted into the Carpenters Union located in Taunton, MA. After successfully interviewing, he is now taking his knowledge, skills, and abilities to a job site in Fall River with the Kiewit Construction Company.

Also, the WIA department has arranged for four Tribal Members to apply and interview for the Laborer's Union in March and another Tribal member is awaiting news on acceptance into the Bricklayer's Union. Watch for updates in next month's Mittark.

By Yvonne Tobey, WIA director

College Preparation

My Future, My Way: How to Go, How to Pay

There is not any "secret" scholarship money out there. You don't need to pay a consultant or join a society just because they say they can help you find scholarships. You can find them on your own and save money. Here are some places to start.

- High school guidance counselor
- Your library reference section
- Foundations, religious or community associations, local businesses, or civic groups.
- Organizations relate to your field of interest
- Your employer or parents employer(s)

Some helpful websites:

www.bls.gov/oco

www.FASA.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/scholarship

www.college.gov

www.collegeboard.com

www.act.org

<http://questbridge.org/>

www.kids.gov

If you are graduating from high school or GED this year please send you name, address, number and school to cfrye-cromwell@mwtribe.com

For further inquiries and assistance call Cheryl Frye-Cromwell at (508) 477-0208

COMMUNITY

Tribal Court Update: Canon 10

This is the ninth and final article that covers the Cannons of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court Code of Ethics. In this month's article I will cover Cannon 10.

CANON 10

The Chief Judge of the Supreme Court has a special obligation to be fair and impartial in the assignment and oversight of judges.

Comment 1:

The Chief Judge of the Mashpee Supreme Court shall discharge the Chief Judge's administrative responsibilities without bias or prejudice and shall maintain professional competence in judicial administration. All judges shall cooperate with the Chief Judge and all other judges and court officials in the administration of court business.

Comment 2:

The Chief Judge shall assign cases on an unbiased and fair basis.

Comment 3:

The Chief Judge shall diligently discharge the Chief Judge's administrative responsibilities in an efficient and expeditious manner.

Comment 4:

The Chief Judge shall require his or her staff and court officials to observe high standards of honesty and diligence. A judge having knowledge that another judge has committed a violation of this Code shall inform the Chief Judge. Misconduct by the Chief Judge shall be reported to the Elders Judiciary Committee.

By Judge Henry Sockbeson



NRD Job Opening

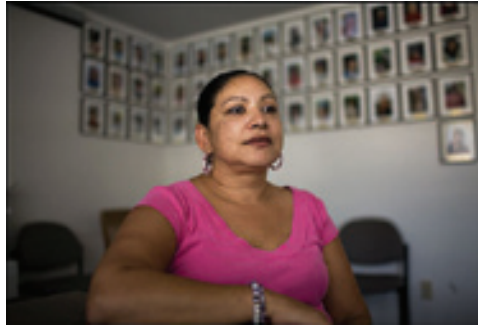
The Natural Resources Department is hiring! Job descriptions for the following positions are available at Tribal Council Headquarters:

- Cultural Resource Monitor
- Equipment Production Assistant
- Shellfish Farm Field Assistant

Message from the Lopez Family

Hello everyone, from the Lopez family. We hope that you are all doing well. Now that things have settled down a little bit, we would like to take a moment, with great appreciation, to thank everyone that helped out with the arrangements, donating their time cooking and serving food, and just being there during this time of great loss. Your gifts of sympathy and hard work showed how our family, our Tribal family, can come together and show our love for our people. We must say that we were blown away in the way that everyone came together in honor of Alice and for our family. Alice was an amazing person and will be missed by everyone. We would like to give special thanks and send out our love to Jessie, "little doe" for helping out with Alice's two sons, Woki and Kees. Alice will live on through these two young men and thanks to Jessie for being such a great friend to our sister. We have a special place for you in our family as an extension of her. Big hugs and thanks to Aunt June, who is always there for everyone in times of need. And we would also like to thank the Tribal Council Board for their donations as well, and so many others, in which we would have a very long list.

By now, many of us have learned about all of the things that Alice had accomplished in her career and personal life. Many of us in our family are finding out these things along with you as well. Sometimes we wonder if she really realized what she had accomplished. Alice wasn't one to keep track or brag of her accomplishments. Alice was a soft-spoken woman with a strong mind and determination. She was a smart, diplomatic individual who got things accomplished and an artist in beadwork, dance and song that she was proud to share and teach to others. She made Native and non-Native American friends,



from New England to Bermuda to Hawaii and other Native Americans nations across the country. How could you not love her, that short woman with a soft voice and a mild humor.

On June 16th through the 20th, the Bermuda tribe will be honoring Alice at its annual Powwow and our family will be traveling there, with many others from our tribe, for this remembrance and celebration of Alice's life.

Robert: I want to share with you a vision that I had several weeks ago when Alice came to me in a dream one night. She told me that she was ok and not to worry. I told her of the great number of people that came out to see her off on her journey. She responded with her sometimes shy personality, "really!" I told her that the St. David tribe is honoring their annual Powwow in her name and that we will be traveling there for the celebration and with excitement once again responded, "really!!!" We were at the Rod and Gun Club for a gathering while I was starting a fire in the fire place. As Aunt Burnadeen walked by, seemingly looking down at her sitting in a chair, I asked Alice, did she see you? Alice responded saying, "I don't know." As I went to catch up with my Aunt, Alice moved on her way. But it's ok, because I know she will return and we will talk and sing our favorite native song together once again.

I wanted to tell all of you this for a reason. As we all move on in our lives and think of her, remember what she looked like and her

expressions. Remember the sound of her voice and laughter. Remember her personality. Remember her likes and dislikes. And remember her strength. As long as we remember these things, in our minds we can talk to her about anything at any time, she will respond and she will come again. This stands true for all of our relations who have passed on and we will no longer have to miss them so much, because they are always with us.

With great love and special thanks:
The Lopez Family

Support the Earth Recovery Program

The Earth Recovery Program is a substance abuse group held at Maushop every Monday at 5:00 p.m. We would like to see more tribal involvement to help our people who are suffering. Tribal members can get involved by becoming a mentor, bringing a friend, sharing your ideas, coming up with solutions, being accounted for, or being a guest speaker. Stand up now before it's too late!

By Stanley Dutra

Do You Have Tribal News to Share?

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

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

Mashpee Wampanoag Museum Update

Our museum has been open since July for two days a week, four hours a day and it was visited by 314 people from five countries and 32 states. Some very generous non-Indians have donated items that they had found or collected and said that they belonged in our museum with the people who created them.

The museum has a great selection of books about Mashpee and other New England Indians plus books about Native Americans in general. It also has instruction booklets on how to make arrowheads, bows and other native arts and crafts.

The Museum Committee would like to continue building on our collection and need photos of past sachems, chiefs and medicine men. If anyone has an item that they think should be displayed, please bring it to us so we can make copies on site and return them to you. Any recordings, memorabilia or photos from past powwows would be greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to give outright or put items on loan



will be given a signed and dated receipt for those items.

We recently were given a collection of Louis Webquish's personal belongings. Please come to see your history and culture displayed for everyone to learn and enjoy. We are open Monday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and by appointment for groups.

Plans for outdoor exhibits to start this spring will include a wetu, 3-sisters garden, ceremonial herb garden and a display of wild edible plants used by the Wampanoag for food and medicines.

by Putnam & Jeanne Peters -
Museum committee

Scholarship Recipient

Iwanted to let you know how incredibly grateful I am for the generous scholarship you granted me for this past school year. As you know, college is an enormous expense and every bit of financial assistance is helpful. Even with my financial aid, student loans, and other scholarships, this past year was still costly. So receiving this scholarship was a very big help with purchasing textbooks. I really am very appreciative.

Your support of my college education means so much to me. It is a great feeling to know that I have the support of such a great community behind me. I did very well the past semester; I made the Dean's List. So your support was a contribution to that success. And for that, I am so thankful!

With Gratitude,

Rachael Fermino

Social Honoring Alice Lopez and Susan Jackson



Families and friends from near and far gathered at Plimoth Plantation to honor the memories of Alice Lopez and Susan Jackson. Spirits were high as we celebrated the lives of these two incredible individuals.



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IN THE NEWS

15th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball

An enthusiastic crowd came together at the Cape Codder Resort to celebrate the 15th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball. With a moving traditional ceremony followed by two rooms of entertainment, a fantastic time was had by all!

Special Congratulations go out to the 2011 Award Winners:

Kiona Anderson – Elisha Clay Ash Johnson Youth Award

Jay Briggs – Lew Gurwitz Spirit Award

Chef John Marcellino – Wampanoag Business and Professional Leadership Award

Sherry Pocknett – Osamequen Award

Thank you to the Ball Committee for a wonderful event!

Suzette Peters Spinola, *Chairwoman*

Winona Pocknett

Keisha Peters

Barbara Jonas

Kristine Foster

Diane Johnson

Marita Scott

Trish Keliinui, *Council Liaison*

