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## Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutuwam (Hello My Tribal Community);

As I write to you this month, expanded gaming is once again a hot topic in Massachusetts. As we have done before, we are working hard to make sure that government officials in Massachusetts understand our unique rights as well as the strengths we bring in our plans to develop and operate a resort casino. I hope that you will take time to read the testimony that I presented to the legislature's Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, and to contact the legislators that represent your town and tell them firsthand what this opportunity will mean to you and your fellow Tribal citizens.

While there are many important differences between our proposal and those of commercial casino developers, the most striking is our ultimate objective. Just like commercial casino developers, we will seek to be good business people and make a profit, but that is where the similarity ends. While making that profit is the commercial

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## Cromwell Testifies at Hearing on Expanded Gaming

**O**n May 4, Chairman Cedric Cromwell represented the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe before the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies at a hearing on expanded gaming. Chairman Cromwell spoke in favor of legalizing gaming in Massachusetts, and also of the unique rights afforded the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Many Tribal members travelled to the State House to support the Tribe and its economic development plans, including a resort style casino. Chairman Cromwell's testimony is below.

Wuneekeesuq Neetopak. Good day my friends. I would like to thank the Chairs of this committee, Senator Spilka and Representative Wagner, as well as the rest of the committee for holding this hearing today and allowing me to participate.

As the elected Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, I come before you today to discuss the rich history of our Tribe in Massachusetts and the unique rights accorded to federally recognized tribes by the United States Constitution and federal law.

The proposed expansion of gaming in the Commonwealth provides an ideal opportunity for the Commonwealth and our Tribe to work together to strengthen our economies and provide thousands of jobs to southeastern Massachusetts and our Tribe through the development of a resort style casino.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has inhabited Massachusetts for more than 12,000 years. Approximately 400 years ago, our ancestors greeted explorers from Europe, and welcomed the Pilgrims, helping them to survive their first harsh

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## Second Annual Quahog Day



Tribal youth spent a day during their April Vacation at the Second Annual Quahog Day. They learned about the great tradition of Wampanoag shellfishing, including proper harvesting, care for the natural environment, and traditional uses of shellfish by the Wampanoag people.

Many thanks to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, Mashpee Wampanoag Natural Resources Department and the Cape Cod Foundation for sponsoring this year's event.

## Calendar of Events

### Weekly Events

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

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

**Mondays - 5:30 p.m.**

Youth Cultural Night, *Mashpee Rod and Gun Club*

**Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m.**

Noun Possession Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

**Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.**

Beginner Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

**Fridays - 6:00 p.m.**

Transitive Inanimate Verb Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

**Fridays - 7:00 p.m.**

Youth Ministry, *Mashpee Baptist Church*

**Biweekly - 10:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m.**

Food Pantry,  
*The food pantry will be held on Monday and Wednesday every other week beginning Monday, June 6*

### Additional Events

**June 11 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Enrollment office is open for ID cards, *A-7 Madaket Place*

**June 12 - 2:00 p.m.**

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

**June 18 - 9:00 a.m.**

5K Run or Walk, *call (508) 566-9146 for more information*

**June 26 - Noon**

Diabetes walk along the canal, *Buzzards Bay Park*

**July 2, 3, 4 - 10:00 a.m. to Dusk**

Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow, *MWT Headquarters*



\* On April 13 **Gary M. Jonas**, the son of Paul Jonas, and 15-year veteran of Vernon Connecticut Police Department was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Gary is also a member of the Regional Swat Team and has received various awards through the years. Gary resides in Coventry,

Connecticut with his wife Keri, daughter Addison and son Austin. Congratulations Gary!

- \* For the third quarter in a row, **Brandon Jonas** has made the honor roll. He is a 7th grader at Bernardo Height Middle School (San Diego, CA), son of Steve & Barbara Jonas, and grandson of active Paul Jonas, Sr. His family is very proud of him and Principal Elaine Johnson, Ph.D., wrote "We applaud your superior effort and self discipline."
- \* **Keyana Brown** the daughter of Coleman and Kim Brown of Bowie, MD, and of Brenda Richerson of Mashpee is currently a federal contractor for The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) out of their main office in Washington, DC, which is an Executive Branch agency of the US government, working as an Operations Coordinator/Project Management Assistant. Great job Keyana!
- \* Congratulations to **Thomas Hendricks, Sr.** and **Angela Young** on the arrival of their baby girl, Alyssa Renee Hendricks, born on Monday, May 9 at 4:40 p.m., 7lbs.15½ oz, 20 inches.
- \* Every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. there is an informal contemporary service held at the Old Indian Meeting House, ministered by Chris Trombetta of The Native American Fellowship.

## New Year Celebration a Huge Success

As Chairman of the Old Indian Meeting House Committee, I would like to commend and thank all the committee's members for their suggestions, input and physical help in making the Mashpee Wampanoag New Year Celebration a huge and joyous success.

In attendance were 75-100 Tribal members enjoying the celebration. Celebrants included Chairman Cedric Cromwell, Secretary Marie Stone, Treasurer Mark Harding, Councilwoman Yvonne Avant, Councilwoman Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Councilwoman Winnie Johnson-Graham, our liaison, Councilwoman Trish Keliinui, Chief Vernon Lopez and Medicine Man Guy Cash. All jumped in to lend a

hand. Thank you guys!

There were lots of Tribal family socializing and helping, along with drumming, dancing, singing, and thanking the Creator for another growing season, which for us is our New Year celebration of good, new and positive things to come.

The Creator gave us a beautiful, sunny day to enjoy many favorite potluck dishes, including steamed clams, mussels, chowder, salads, pastas, chicken, pork, beans and a variety of other snacks, fruit and a beautifully decorated cake adorned with a "Happy New Year" greeting. Thank you Creator for a wonderful day of celebration!

Carol A. Lopez

## Diabetes Walk along the Cape Cod Canal

**T**he inaugural Walk for Diabetes and Social will be held on Sunday, June 26 along the Cape Cod Canal. Walkers and supporters will meet at the Buzzards Bay Park at noon and the walk will begin at 1:00 p.m. sharp.

The four-mile route will take participants to the Bourne Bridge and back to the park. A social will immediately follow the walk and continue until 7:00 p.m. All drummers and dancers are welcome and encouraged to participate.



An adult must accompany children under the age of 14 on the walk. Bikes, rollerblades and skateboards will not be allowed. For more information or to register, contact the Health Office at (508) 477-0209. Come walk, support, learn and help fight diabetes.

## Rumble on the Rez V

### Save the date

August 6, 2011

Rumble on the rez v

Charitable event

All proceeds benefit substance abuse awareness and prevention

Volunteers needed

Food/craft vendor fee: \$100

Accepting Donations

Contact Lorraine Reels or

Danielle Hill at (508) 477-0209 or

Stanley Dutra (508) 215-4603

## Chairman's Message *(continued)*

developers' ultimate goal, for us it is just the beginning. For us it is about what those profits can do for our nation and our people. For us, it is about using those profits to achieve true self-sufficiency and provide for the needs of our people.

We can use these profits to stimulate other economic development opportunities for the Tribe and diversify the business initiatives and income sources of our nation. We can create much-needed jobs for Tribal members.

We can build and manage housing for our elders and others in need. This will allow us to solve the persistent problem of our people who are unable to afford housing in our homeland.

We can provide full health care for all who need it, helping us resolve and prevent the high levels of heart disease, diabetes, substance abuse and depression currently suffered disproportionately by our people.

We can sustain full cultural programming so our traditions are passed on to our youth, and the knowledge of our incredible history and Mashpee Wampanoag identity and values are promoted.

We can provide educational services to prepare and support our students and scholarships to make higher education a reality for every Tribal citizen who chooses to pursue it. Educational advocacy for students in need can be fully funded, and the availability of tutors, cultural studies, trade programs and other types of job training will expand.

Quite simply, while a casino is the end for so many potential developers, for us it is a means to an end. As we continue to work toward our short-term goal of developing a resort casino, let's never lose sight of the ultimate goal: full self-sufficiency for our nation.

In addition to our efforts to work with state and federal governments on the Tribe's behalf, we are working hard here in Mashpee to make sure Tribal citizens have an opportunity to be heard on issues and concerns that are important to them. In addition to Tribal Council meetings and General Body meetings, the Elders Council, and various committees, I want everyone to know about another body that is here to listen as well as give counsel: the Chief's Circle. Chief Lopez has shown strength, dignity and wisdom throughout his

service as our Chief. An example of that wisdom is his creation of a Chief's Circle to advise him on matters important to the Tribe. The Chief's Circle consists of the Chief, Medicine Man Soaring Eagle, Ramona Peters, Mark Lopez, Patricia Weeden, Marlene Lopez, and Anne Foxx. Tribal members should feel free to speak with any member of the Chief's Circle about their concerns or ideas. I will be meeting with the Chief's Circle the first week in June and plan to do so on a regular basis. Please join me in supporting the Chief's Circle in their traditional role.

And last but certainly not least, the 90th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow is quickly approaching on July 2-4. This is our biggest homecoming of the year, a chance to reminisce and reunite with family, and an opportunity to celebrate our traditions and culture. This event will be enjoyed by all and I look forward to seeing you there!

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Qaqeemasq (Running Bear)

## New Doctor to Provide Services to Tribe

**T**he Mashpee Service Unit/ Indian Health Service – Tribal Health Department would like to introduce our new hire Dr. Sandra M. Bender.

Sandra M Bender, M.D., was raised in Ebensburg Pennsylvania and is a board certified Family Practice Physician. Dr. Bender attended the University Of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry in 1994. During her tenure she was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma and Beta Beta Beta honor societies. In 1995 she attended medical school at MCP- Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA, where she obtained her M.D. in 1999.

Dr. Bender completed her



internship and Family Practice residency in Jacksonville Florida in 2002. Following her residency she has been in various roles with the Navy and Public Health Services to include positions in Japan, Crete, and Cape Cod Massachusetts. In addition to Family Practice Dr. Bender is also a qualified flight surgeon.

Dr. Bender is married and has one son born in 2009. She currently resides in Bourne, MA and enjoys the Cape Cod lifestyle with her family. She will begin working with the Health Department June 1, 2011.

## Museum Update from the New Director

**A**s the new Director of the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum, I would like to personally invite you to visit the museum, however no WAMP crumbles ready this time bird, smile. What is just as important is that you will learn about your cultural history past and present which our ancestors taught us. I promise you will enjoy viewing the Museum’s displays and exhibits and learning the wonderful, cultural ways that many of us have gotten away from or just forgotten. There are several special collections of antiques, heirlooms, artifacts and reproductions, colorful pictures, and tribal genealogy charts.

We are planting a Tobacco Garden, Three Sisters Garden and indigenous Mashpee Wild Herb Garden and planning more activities such as story telling as Grandma Mable L. Avant (Nokoomis) once did.

Tribal Elders and Museum Committee members who are

devoted to sharing their wisdom and cultural perspectives with you guide our unique museum. We are open Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. as well as the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call (508) 477-9339.

Hope to see ya soon, Ho

Joan Tavares Avant (*Granny Squannit*)

**“Mashpee Wampanoag heritage and culture comes from the spirit and wisdom of our ancestors, elders and relatives. Sharing this knowledge empowers our future”**

*(Note: We especially thank Institute of Library and Museum Services (IMLS) for its grant funding that helped sustain and increase the activities that improve the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum.)*

## Health Update



### Attention Commonwealth Care Clients:

If you have chosen BMC (Boston Medical HealthNet) as your plan, you can get a reimbursement of \$50 per month on your gym or exercise program. Call BMC at 1-888-566-0010 and ask to be sent a “Fitness Club Reimbursement Form,” and make sure to have a copy of your gym contract.

### What is the difference between BMC HealthNet Plan and MassHealth?

BMC HealthNet Plan is one of the organizations that contracts with MassHealth to provide health care coverage for MassHealth recipients. MassHealth is the state agency that qualifies you for MassHealth benefits. You must qualify for MassHealth to be eligible for the BMC Health Net Plan.

### Let’s start the summer off a little lighter

Rocky’s Gym, on route 28 in Falmouth, is offering Tribal Members a monthly Membership discount rate of \$25.00 a month. Simply show your tribal ID when signing up at Rocky’s Gym. For more information, call Rocky’s Gym at (508) 548-0018.

### Be the Example! 5K Fun Run or Walk

Saturday, June 18, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Pre-register by Saturday, June 11 For more info or to register call (508) 566-9146

## Legal Clinic Announcement

**I**would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Raymond Yox and I am the managing attorney for South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. (SCCLS) a non-profit charitable corporation, which serves clients in Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket and Plymouth Counties. Our focus at SCCLS is the civil legal needs of low-income and elderly residents of Southeastern Massachusetts. In the April issue of the Mittark it was announced that a legal clinic would be available to tribal members. We had anticipated that the legal clinic would be held monthly and students from UMASS School of Law at Dartmouth, under my supervision, would be providing advice and representation to tribal members who could not afford an attorney. So far, the UMASS law students have held three clinics for

Tribal members.

Unfortunately, the clinics scheduled for May, June and July are being cancelled. This cancellation is necessary because UMASS Law School is recessing and we are unsure if there will be students available to conduct the law clinics. There is a summer session at UMASS but it is unclear, at this time, if any students will volunteer. If the student enrollment for the summer session allows for clinic to be held during the summer months we will do so. However, should the number of students be insufficient, the clinic schedule will not resume until the fall semester. I will update the Court Clerk regarding the status of the law clinic. In the meantime, Tribal members are encouraged to contact SCCLS to inquire about eligibility. We can be reached at (508) 775-7020 or on-line at [www.sccls.org](http://www.sccls.org).

## Clarification to Free or Reduced Rate Services

**T**he Court has recruited attorneys from the local bar who are interested in providing pro bono or reduced cost services to members of the Tribe in the Tribal Court. In the May 2011 issue of Mittark, the Court published the names and contact information of attorneys who had volunteered. Some Tribal members have reported difficulties in getting what they thought would be free legal services from these volunteers. While some volunteer attorneys readily accepted requests for representation, others had stringent income requirements for free service. This has caused some confusion and resentment among Tribal members seeking free legal services.

To clarify the situation, I have written to all volunteer attorneys and have requested that they get together and adopt uniform standards that will let Tribal members know in advance if they qualify for free or reduced rate legal services.

The Court cannot impose limits on these volunteers since they are offering to give, to those they consider to be qualified, a service that is otherwise quite valuable. As soon as I hear from the volunteer attorneys what income levels qualify for free or reduced rate legal services, I will publish that information here in the Mittark.

For additional information on this matter, contact Tribal Court Clerk, Marita Scott at (508) 477-0208, Ext. 239.

By Judge Henry Sockbeson



## Herring Announcement

With the arrival of the herring season, we ask all Tribal Members to report any herring catches to Tribal Herring Warden June Tiexeira at (508) 477-0985. Please remember to include both the location of the catch, as well as the number of herring caught. If you have records of herring caught since the beginning of the season, include those numbers and locations as well when reporting. If you are unable to reach June by phone, please leave a voicemail message. Data submitted will be included in monthly reports to the Division of Marine Fisheries.



*A large school of herring makes its way to Wakeby Pond.*

## Job Opening

**Job Title:** Part Time Laborer

**Hours:** 20 hours per week and seasonally up to 34 hours per week

**Reports to:** Building, Grounds and Roads Director

**Salary:** \$15.00 per hour

**Summary:** Maintains and repairs tribal roads and properties by performing a range of duties and services

**Contact:** For a complete job summary or to apply, contact the Building Grounds and Roads Department.

## Cromwell Testifies at Hearing on Expanded Gaming *(continued)*

winters here.

The first decades were peaceful, but without enumerating the series of injustices brought upon our people, our mere existence today is a reflection of the determination and perseverance that it took for our people to remain in our homeland.

In 2007, after an exhaustive, 33-year process, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe was acknowledged as a federally recognized tribe. Unlike many other tribes, we retain full tribal sovereignty, meaning we did not make any settlement agreement with the government to waive sovereign rights, including gaming rights, in exchange for recognition.

Today, most of our 2,000 proud citizens of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe remain in our homeland, and are also citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are proud of our service to the United States, and have fought in every major conflict since the American Revolution. Our Chief, Vernon Silent Drum Lopez, a World War II veteran, fought in Normandy, and more recently, Staff Sergeant Alicia Birchett gave her life while serving in Iraq.

As many of you know, federally recognized tribes are acknowledged as sovereign nations under the Constitution. We are distinct and independent political communities that maintain rights of self-government and self-determination.

The Supreme Court has upheld the sovereignty of tribes in numerous rulings. The court has also ruled that tribes can operate gaming facilities free of state regulation, and that gaming revenues can be used to encourage self-sufficiency and to promote economic development.

Now that we have been recognized by the federal government, our Tribe is seeking to pursue these opportunities that are authorized and protected under federal law. We do so because just like you

in state government, we in tribal government have a duty to care for and provide opportunities to our people. Many of our tribal citizens are unable to afford housing. Unemployment is high. We struggle with the many health issues that go along with high rates of poverty: heart disease, asthma, diabetes, cancer, teenage pregnancy, and substance abuse. Many of our tribal citizens rely on state assistance just to survive. We seek new economic opportunities. We seek a way bring true self-reliance to our nation and to our people – and will do so for generations to come. We want to create year-round jobs not just for our Tribe – but for the local economy. We want to generate new income not just to fund the Tribe’s programs – but to fund those in the local community and reduce local property taxes.

Many are unaware that under federal law, recognized tribes may automatically operate Class III gaming facilities on tribal lands if a state allows gaming. Many are also unaware that states may not tax gaming activities.

To address these concerns, the federal government encourages states to enter into cooperative agreements or “compacts” with tribes that spell out, among other things, revenues that tribes pay to the state. Such an arrangement is a commonsense solution for our Tribe, the Commonwealth, and the people of southeastern Massachusetts.

As the Commonwealth crafts a bill to authorize gaming, our Tribe urges this committee to also craft provisions that specifically authorize the governor to enter a compact with our Tribe for the development and operation of a destination resort casino in southeastern Massachusetts.

The combination of our Tribe’s unique sovereign rights, strong historical and present-day connection

to our ancestral homeland of southeastern Massachusetts, and our business relationship with one of the world’s most respected gaming companies makes it clear that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe having a resort style casino in our homeland is not only the right thing to do, but also good policy and good business for the Commonwealth.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this hearing today. We look forward to working with you to make this mutually beneficial relationship between the Tribe and the Commonwealth a reality.

### Drifting Goose



Ellsworth Oakley Sr., known commonly to the people of Mashpee as Drifting Goose was the youngest son of Irvin Oakley. In the early 1930’s, the Mashpee Wampanoag people made Drifting Goose the chief of Mashpee. This was sanctioned by Mashpee medicine man High Eagle and Supreme Sachem Ousa Mequin of Gay Head. During his years of service as Mashpee chief, a tribal government was created, and a stability and structure was developed that allowed cohesion amongst the Wampanoag movement and the tribe town government. The Old Indian Church was separated from denominational churches and the town. Chief Drifting Goose held this position until the late 1940s when he resigned to relocate for employment reasons.

## Tribal Health and Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod Create Partnership

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod (HPCCC) are partnering to create an innovative program specially designed for tribal members experiencing the impact of serious illness and loss. It will incorporate traditional tribal medicine with Western medicine, customizing care to meet the needs of tribal patients and their families. In keeping with the hospice model, it will provide eligible tribal members with the full range of benefits including prescriptions, durable medical equipment (such as hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers and commodes) and an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals. And, in keeping with HPCCC's unique "Open Door Philosophy", the program goal will be to serve all tribal members who are eligible, regardless of the complexity of their care needs, any special treatments or therapies they may be receiving, or their ability to pay.

The hospice team will coordinate with tribal medicine people to

develop and deliver individualized care plans that address the "whole person" and provide the best possible quality of life.

Working together, the tribal leadership and HPCCC will develop a designated hospice team, comprised primarily of tribal members. The desired outcome is to provide the optimum quality of life, helping members to live as actively and well as possible. The hospice team will include nurses, home health aides, social workers, physicians, spiritual care coordinators, volunteers, and other professionals as deemed necessary to address the unique needs of patients and their loved ones.

To launch the program and begin staffing the team, HPCCC will employ tribal members on a per diem basis: an RN Case Manager, a Hospice Aide (CAN) and a Social Worker - to be supplemented initially by other HPCCC employees. Job descriptions are now available at [www.hospicecapecod.org](http://www.hospicecapecod.org) and at [www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.org](http://www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.org).

Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Tribal Council- Health Liaison, is leading the task force on behalf of the tribe, working closely with Steve Helme, Chair of the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Advisory Committee, and Melissa Roberts Weidman of East Falmouth, Director of Communications & Community Outreach for HPCCC. Cromwell says "We are excited about significantly increasing awareness and access to hospice care among tribal members to enhance the quality of life of our people. There are so many wonderful services they deserve to receive, all in keeping with our ways."

Weidman adds "We are looking forward to the cultural awareness training that will be provided by the tribe to our staff to build organizational understanding. This is truly an innovative partnership model that allows us to each learn from each others' traditions."

## Robert Edward Gonsalves, Sr. September 23, 1934 - April 11, 2011

Robert Edward Gonsalves, Sr. (Calm Waters), 76, died Monday, April 11, 2011 at Tobey Hospital in Wareham after a long illness. He was the husband of Elaine P. (Coggeshall) Gonsalves.

Born in Wareham, Mr. Robert Edward Gonsalves, Sr. (Calm Waters) was the son of the late Edward & Victoria (Tobey) Gonsalves. He also was brother to the late Lloyd H. Gonsalves. He served in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at the submarine base in New London, CT after his active service.

Mr. Robert Edward Gonsalves, Sr. (Calm Waters), was a former member of the Improved Order of Red Men in Wareham and was

also a Golden Elder of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

He loved fishing, family and friends.

His Survivors include his wife Elaine; his children, Robert E. Gonsalves, Jr. (Lone Wolf) of New London, CT, Ricardo K. Gonsalves (Tall Cedar) of New Haven, CT, Victoria A. Gonsalves (Precious Cloud) of Jacksonville, NC, Peter A. Gonsalves (Earth Walker) of Plainville, CT, Lauriann Pires (Eastern Gentle Wind) of Broken Arrow, OK, Linda Silva (Wind Spirit) of Allison, PA, Edward Bryant (Grey Wolf) of Birmingham, AL, David Butler of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Elizabeth N. Gonsalves (Gentle Breeze) of Conover, NC, Jaymi A.



Coggeshall of Halifax and Lee F. Coggeshall of Worcester; his sisters, Lucille Grace (Eastern Star) of Palm Bay, FL and Jeannette Delgado (Eastern Moon) of Deltona, FL. Also survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and loving friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



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# POWWOW

## Annual Powwow to Take Place July 2, 3 & 4

**T**he Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will hold its 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow July 2nd, 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> on Tribal Grounds at 483 Great Neck Road South in Mashpee. This year, the Tribe is “Honoring Wampanoag Traditions.” The Powwow is a traditional celebration of Mashpee Wampanoag culture featuring Native American dancing, drumming, games, food, art, jewelry, wampum, gifts, crafts and clothing. The Tribe is offering \$30,000 in prize money for dance and drum competitions throughout the weekend.

Scheduled events and special performances include Host Drum: Shinnecock’s Young Bloods, Yarina (Andean Music), The Wampanoag Nation Singers, New England Birds of Prey, Wampanoag Powwow Princess Contest, Traditional Canoe Race, a Fire Ball game and Clam

Bake.

The Powwow will feature Master of Ceremonies Cedric Cromwell, Arena Director David Weeden, Head Man Brian Weeden and Head Woman Victoria Miranda.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow is open to the public and offers events and attractions for the whole family. Gates open at 10am each day. General Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under and elders 62 and over. For information on group rates, please call Powwow Director, Leslie Jonas at (617) 417-5260.



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