



Chairman's Column



Greetings Tribal Family,

We returned our Powwow to sovereign land last month...it was an amazing homecoming. Everyone that I spoke with could feel the connection and the importance of our annual powwow being held on our reservation lands. We danced and drummed hard, shared traditional crafts and had some amazing food from our local cooks. It was the good medicine we all needed.

I carried this good medicine with me following the Powwow. I carried it with me as we continued our progress on our new housing project on Meeting House Road, which we will need your help to name, and as I prepared to meet with members of Congress to ensure our land is forever protected.

Many of you may have watched the congressional hearing live on our website and the questions and answers that followed. For our people, this was very positive progress for our land reaffirmation act. Our esteemed legislators on the subcommittee understood our historic connection to this country and the importance of passing this legislation in a timely manner.

I felt that it was important that I spoke with the legislators about our connection to the land and our historic connection to this country. In my testimony I reminded the members of the subcommittee that our relationship with the United States is one of

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Fed Agency Supports Bill Protecting Tribe's Reservation Land



Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Cedric Cromwell, met with members of Congress in Washington D.C. on July 24 to talk about legislation that could help to forever protect the Tribe's land in trust.

"Without Congressional action confirming that the IRA applies to Mashpee, it is possible not only that we will lose our current reservation, but also that we will never have any reservation," said Cromwell.

A group that includes 9th District Congressman William Keating,

who represents the Cape and Islands, filed the bill earlier this year that reaffirms the tribe's federal land status. "If this piece of legislation does not pass this would result in the tribe no longer being eligible for many federal grants and assistance programs, including assistance on the opioid epidemic that is scourged to our area," Keating said.

"This would also call into question inter-governmental agreements reached between the Tribe and others, most important to me, the Town of

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Youth from the ages of 13 to 17 may also attend the free training when accompanied by a parent or guardian, but will not receive a Narcan kit.

In addition, participants can receive a free and confidential HCV/HIV test.

Registration is not required. Please contact the Mashpee Wampanoag Health and Human Services Department at (508) 477-0208 ext. 166 for more information.

Training and confidential services provided by the Aids Support Group of Cape Cod.

New Events

August 3 to 5

Language Immersion Camp, *MWTCGC*

August 12 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *MWTCGC*

August 20 to 24

Field Trip Camp, *MWTCGC*

September 9 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *MWTCGC*

Weekly Events

Mondays – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Finding My Medicine, *55 Acres (starts July 19)*

Mondays – 11:00 a.m.

Crazy 8 Walking Club, *MWTCGC*

Mondays – 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dancing Moon Yoga, *MWTCGC*

Tuesdays – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Elders Lunch & Learn, *MWTCGC*

Tuesdays – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Coed Volleyball, *MWTCGC*

Wednesdays – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Tribal Health Yoga Classes with Yoga Neighborhood, *MWTCGC*

Thursdays – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Food Pantry Hours

Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Cultural Resource Monitors Participate in Field School

Two of our Tribal CRMs participated in the 2018 UMass Boston –Plymouth 400 Field School. This was the third year that we have had CRMs participate and receive Field Tech training. This allows our CRMs to gain useful insight into the world of Archaeology. After receiving training CRM's field reports become more comprehensive as a result, improving the data collection efforts of the department.

We'd like to congratulate Philip Earl Cash and Scott Reels Jr. for successfully completing this year's Field School Training. Our office strives to bolster the professionalism of our department through collaborative efforts such as this.

We'd like to thank David

Landon Associate Director of the Fiske Center for Archaeological Research/ Graduate Program Director, Historical Archaeology at UMass, Boston and Stephen Mrozowski Professor of Anthropology/

Director of the Fiske Center for Archaeological Research at UMass, Boston



Flying the Friendly Skies

Rebekah Dottin, daughter of Francie Dottin, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, graduated on April 27, 2018, from the United Airlines School for Flight Attendants in Houston, TX. Rebekah's home base is Newark, NJ. Congratulations Rebekah.



Sydney Harris Graduates from the University of Rhode Island

Sydney Harris graduated on May 19, 2018 from the University of Rhode Island. She received her degree in health science. Sydney is the daughter of Bryan Harris and granddaughter of Barbara Harris.



Zoe Harris Goes Abroad

Zoe Harris, who is on the dean's list at Northeastern University, is studying abroad in Ghana. Zoe is studying the medical services in Ghana. Congratulations Zoe. Zoe is the daughter of Judy Urquhart and Gordon Harris and the granddaughter of Barbara Harris.

Harris Cousins Make the Deans List

Several of the Harris cousins have excelled this past semester in their schools. Zoe Harris, student at Northeastern University, along with her younger sister Alyssa and cousin Morgan have all made the honor roll. Your grandmother, Barbara Harris, is very proud of you.

Wôpanâôt8âtôh - Let's Talk Wôpanâak - Family Language Immersion Camp: August 3 to August 5, 2018

Come together to have family fun & learn your language! All ages are encouraged to attend this 3-Day immersion camp to challenge yourself and others to speak Wôpanâak for the day. This is a FREE event and there are 3 blocks for classes that include a variety of topics. This Immersion Camp is open to all members of a Wampanoag household, including non-tribal partners, step-children, foster parents, etc.

We are so excited to announce WLRP Family Immersion Camp 2018. Many thanks to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe for hosting our camp this year at the Community and Government Center 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee MA.

We have space and teachers to accommodate up to 45 speakers

this year. We will take applications on a first come, first served basis by mail. You may obtain an application in person at the Mashpee Wampanoag Community and Govt. Center or electronically at WLRP.org/Events.

Applications must be mailed to WLRP, PO Box 2241, Mashpee MA 02649.

We will post a notice on WLRP.org and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's website when we are full and will notify you via email or telephone if you are accepted as a camper for this year.

Meals will be prepared by each family/camper independently except for the cookout on Saturday evening. You will want to bring along your grill, coolers, and any camping gear you will

need for the weekend if you plan to camp overnight.

You may use the showers in the Community Government Center. Young children entering the community center locker rooms/showers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

NEW POLICY BY COMMUNITY REQUEST: Families with Elders and small children should feel free to lodge at home if this makes camp participation easier for the family. Campers are encouraged to remain onsite until 6:30 in the evening and should return by 9 AM the following morning.

The Language Committee and WLRP have zero tolerance for drugs or alcohol during our immersion camp.

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the oldest relationships forged and one that we highly value. I also spoke about our current relationship and support we receive from our surrounding communities and that I was glad to have Mashpee Town Manager Rodney Collins join me at the hearing.

Our reservation, like every other tribe across this country, is essential to our ability to engage in economic development and provide vital social services to our citizens. We're also looking to deliver thousands of good jobs and infrastructure improvements to South Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

It was clear, from start to end, that the various Congressional subcommittee members, including Chairman Doug LaMalfa, R-California, were in favor of the bill. U.S. Rep Ruben Gallego, D-Arizona said towards the end that he looked forward to moving this bill along as quickly as possible and U.S. Rep Don Young, R-Alaska, called it a 'good piece of legislation.'

That pretty much summed it up. It's a great piece of legislation. It's unfortunate that we have ended up at this point, but I'm thankful that we have a solution that was put forward by our good friend Congressman Keating. It's good for our Tribe and it's good for our neighbors. You can reach out to Congressman Keating directly at (202) 225-3111 or through his website at www.keating.house.gov. He's worked very hard on behalf of our Tribal Nation and I'm certain he would welcome hearing from our supporters and tribal citizens.

I went into the meeting with the good medicine I had been carrying from Powwow, shared it with the legislators and came back home with plenty of good medicine to keep our people moving forward. We will prevail. Mashpee will shine.

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Chairman Cedric Cromwell
Qaqeemasq (Running Bear)

All Nations Back to School on August 22nd at NAICOB

The North American Indian Center of Boston will be hosting an All Nations Back to School event on August 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 105 S. Huntington Avenue, Jamaica Plain, MA.

Events and health and wellness topics will be available for all school age children – from kindergarten to high school. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to NAICOB at (617) 277-4804.



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Historic Mingo Home for Sale

A house that's related to one of the very early families of the Tribe, 218 Great Neck Road North better known as the Walter Mingo House, was listed for sale last month. The modest home has seen several generations of prominent tribal members reside under its roof. The surrounding land has also provided sustenance for the community for many years. The thought of the structure being purchased outside of the tribe and potentially being demolished or altered beyond recognition would be a sad moment.

218 Great Neck Road North was the estate of the Mingo family in Mashpee. Assessor's records date the Mingo House to 1775 although there is no physical evidence or written documentation to confirm this. The estate of Walter R. Mingo is shown as early as 1877 (Cahoon 1877; Walker 1880; Walker 1910).

Walter R. Mingo, born in Mashpee on July 6, 1838, was the son of Mary Ann Brown and the grandson of William and Leah Mingo and Desire Attaquin.

Walter Mingo spent 13 years at sea before returning to Mashpee in 1865. Upon his return he quickly became a prominent citizen in the town, serving as Selectman for 11 years as well as Town Treasurer.

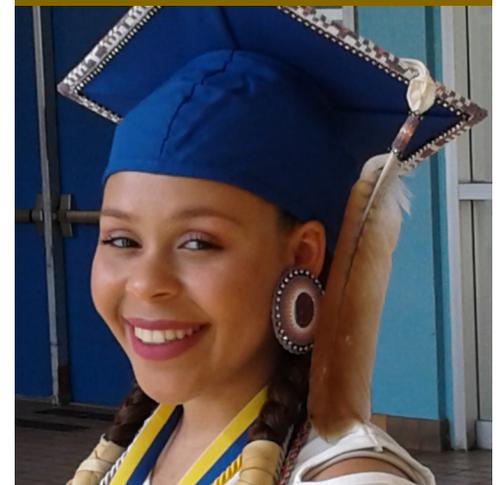


He maintained a substantial farm and several acres of cranberry bog not far from this home and was one of the original members of the Mashpee Manufacturing Company. This company was originally involved in the manufacture of brooms on the Santuit River, but quickly turned to cranberry production when it was realized that the latter venture would be more profitable.

One of Walter R. Mingo's sons, Tom Stetson Mingo, was the River keeper for the Mashpee River Trout Club. Thomas Mingo lived in the home following his fathers' death, remaining there until his own death on August 9, 1953.

The home is currently under contract with sale pending a home inspection and financing. If you would like more information, please contact Cori Daddabbo at Cape Coastal Sotheby's International Realty at (617) 775-8954.

V'Santi Tobey Commits to UC Davis



V'Santi Tobey recently graduated from El Camino Real Charter High School and is planning to attend the University of California Davis in the fall on a Blue and Gold University Scholarship. V'Santi will be majoring in theatre and dance. She credits the support she received from her family, the Los Angeles Indian Community and her family back home with her success. She is the great-great granddaughter of the late Louise Tobey, Great granddaughter Harold "Wise Bear" Tobey, and the Late Margaret Pina, Granddaughter of Pamela Tobey, daughter of Danielle Tobey and Ronald J. Cruz (Pocknett) who is her stepfather.

2018-2019 Academic Year Scholarships Available

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department began accepting applications on July 15 for academic scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year. Tribal members enrolled in one or more accredited courses for the upcoming semester may apply. All students are eligible to receive \$500 per course or up to \$2,000 for full time students with 12 credits or more.

To apply, please visit the Education Department page on the Tribe's website www.mashpeewampanoag-tribe-nsn.gov/education. The applica-

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Tribe Receives Grant to Design a Safer Old Barnstable Road

The Federal Highway Administration recently announced \$17-million in grant awards from the 2017-2018 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund. These awards represent funding for 94 projects to develop transportation safety plans, enhance safety data, and improve transportation infrastructure. The Tribe received \$340,000 for the Design of Old Barnstable Road Project, which will provide a completed construction plan for a one-mile stretch of road, designed to prevent another pedestrian fatality, and reduce the potential for serious bicyclist and vehicular crashes.

FHWA received 234 applications from 141 recognized Tribes requesting a total of \$90.1 million in assistance.

Each year under the FAST Act, 2% of the available TTP funds are set aside to address transportation safety issues in Native America. Funds are available to federally recognized Indian tribes through a competitive, discretionary program. Awarded annually, projects are chosen whose outcomes will address the prevention and reduction of death or serious injuries in transportation related incidents, such as



motor vehicle crashes. Transportation fatalities and injuries severely impact the quality of life in Indian country. Statistics are consistently higher than the rest of the nation as a whole; FHWA advocates the development of strategic Transportation Safety Plans as a means for tribes to determine how transportation safety needs will be addressed in and around tribal communities. Additional information on developing safety plans can be found here.

Eligible projects for the TTP Safety Fund under the FAST Act include: development and revision of transportation safety plans, crash data improvement, road safety audits, and other activities, primarily infrastructure improvements

Finding My Medicine: Cultural Practices for Tribal Youth

Finding My Medicine started on July 19 and is continuing on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-4 through August 30 at 55 Acres (ceremonial grounds).

This project will offer cultural teachings and traditional practices to help our youth ages 14-19 to find and build upon their personal medicine. They will experience a series of cultural activities that are designed to bring about self-awareness, discovering their inner talents and strengths. Some of these activities include; receive their Indian name (if they don't have one), develop their tribal sound, create personal symbol, and learn how to connect with their personal animal totems. They will also learn traditional Wampanoag ceremonial practices that they can use throughout their lives.

This project takes place mainly on the tribal ceremonial grounds during the summer months. Together with training and supervision they will build a better shelter around the ceremonial circle to offer the tribe in September. This is a perfect time to construct the new arbor because the youth are interested and there are key elders, traditionalists, and volunteers available to help complete the project.

Participants who see the project through from beginning to end can take advantage of the internship stipends through the Education Department.

Sponsored by Tribal Historic Preservation and the Education Department.

Contact Ed. Dept. John Hanlon to sign up. 508-477-0208

Medicare Outreach Worker at Weekly Lunch and Learn

Our Medicare Outreach Counselor April Dugas, will be returning to our weekly Title VI "Lunch and Learn" in September of 2018, providing free Medicare Counseling. April can help you understand your plan's changes, screen you for assistance programs, discuss other questions or concerns that you have about Medicare and help to prepare you for Medicare's OPEN ENROLLMENT starting October 15 through December 7 2018. Please see April Dugas every Thursday starting in September 2018 at our weekly Lunch and Learn from 10am to 2pm or call Tribal Health at (508) 477-0208 x166 to schedule an appointment. Tribal Health was recently awarded a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services that will allow for a Medicare counselor to be on site at

the Tribal Community and Government Center. The Medicare counselor will be available to assist our tribal citizens by providing un-biased health insurance information and assistance with the following:

- Medicare Part D and other prescription drug programs
- Compare Medigaps to Medicare Advantage plans and their costs and benefits
- Assist with billing problems and appeals
- Prevent consumers from buying unnecessary or duplicate coverage
- Help prepare enrollment forms and applications for assistance

Medicare counselors help seniors and disabled adults under-

stand their rights and benefits under Medicare and other health insurance and related low income assistance programs. All information is kept strictly confidential. Assistance for this program is made available through the Department of Health and Human Services' Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) grant that was awarded to the Title VI Native American Programs.

For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact Tribal Health Supportive Services Re-source and Enrollment Specialist Wendy Pocknett at wendy.pocknett@mwtribe-NSN.gov or at (508) 477-0208 ext 166.

Several Open Positions

There are currently several career opportunities at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. At the time of publication, open positions at the Tribe included the following:

Clerk of the Works: The Clerk of the Works shall be responsible for assisting the MWT with the administration of construction contracts. The observations of the Clerk of the Works shall facilitate in providing protection against defects and deficiencies in the work.

Maintenance Specialist: Maintains and repairs tribal properties and roadways and assists with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Transportation Program by performing the duties outlined in the full position description.

Education Director: The Education Director is responsible for leadership and oversight in the administration of all functions of the Education department; including personnel, department and grant program budget development and management, federal fiscal grant

reporting, program planning, oversight of program implementation, and all educational activities for tribal members.

Security Guard: Maintains safe and secure environment for tribal members, employees, and visitors by patrolling and monitoring premises and personnel. Responsible for the protection of all tribal assets.

Field Assistant: The Natural Resources Department (NRD) Field Assistant serves as an assistant to the staff of the NRD. The Field Assistant will assist in the implementation of NRD programs. The Field Assistant will be under the direct supervision of the Director.

For a current list of open positions and to view the full position descriptions, please visit the Human Resources page of the website.

Field Trip Camp August 20-24 for Tribal Youth

Save the date for a week-long field trip camp. From August 20 to 24 the Indian Education Department will sponsor a series of field trips. Registration opens August 6 and space is limited. There's only space for 20 campers.

To sign up, call Kitty Hendricks-Miller at (508) 477-0208 ext. 143. You may leave a voice mail to reserve space.

The schedule of trips include Canoeing and kayaking on Waquoit Bay with a Washburn Island Picnic, Whale Watch out of Hyannis, Boston Science Museum, A day in Oak Bluffs Martha's Vineyard with pizza on the beach and Horseback Riding at Maushop Equestrian Center in Mashpee.

Lunch and snacks will be provided daily. Don't forget to register on August 6.

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POH Camp Pollinator Gardens Takes Off



Pollinators, like bees, butterflies, birds, and bats have been on the decline. It poses a real threat to our natural environment and our ability to produce the foods we all eat. In response to this issue, the kids, staff and interns of the Native Youth in Science Preserving Our Homeland (POH) camp have made two pollinator gardens, providing vital resources needed to revive the health of the pollinators.

The first pollinator garden was planted last year thanks to the hard work of the 2017 POH team and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS). The USFWS provided funding for the plants and supervision during the planting. This year's campers tended the garden planted in 2017 and made a second garden, which was just planted last month and will be fully grown in 2019. The garden planted last year is now thriving and serving as a fertile ground for the pollinators.

A pollinator garden is planted and designed, with specific nectar and pollen producing plants, in a way that attracts pollinating insects known as pollinators. Besides the benefit to the insects, they also benefit the gardens, current and future at the farm providing substances to the tribe.

New Cultural Trips for Youth in August

The Building Pathways for Tribal Youth Program sponsored a cultural fishing trip with tribal member Aneba Costa on June 30th. Youth harvested shellfish, crabs, and herring and cooked them at the museum, along with a striped bass Aneba caught earlier at the canal.

Upcoming planned cultural trips in August include an overnight visit with the Passamaquoddy tribe in Maine for the blueberry harvest and a canoe and fishing trip on Mashpee Pond. College trips include participating in the Native American Overnight Program at Amherst College in October. If you are interested in any of these trips, please contact John Hanlon at 508-237-0041.

Please remember the Education Dept. has college scholarships available again for the 2018-2019 school year and we are always looking for tribal members to share their knowledge and talents with our youth. If you have ideas, contact John.



TRIBAL LAW AND ORDER ORDINANCE

Work on the Law and Order Ordinance began about 3 years ago. It started out initially as a simple civil code to handle minor offenses but with Land into Trust came criminal jurisdiction and more responsibility. The Laws created had to encompass Criminal Offenses, Drug Offenses, Domestic and Family Violence, Gaming Offenses, Community Offenses, and Traffic Violations. Fortunately, the Tribe had been awarded a grant from the Department of Justice in 2015 to develop the Laws needed for a sovereign government. It was determined that related aspects of Law should be compiled into one Ordinance which became the Tribal Law and Order Ordinance. It is important to inform Tribal Members about what it contains and how it will impact the tribe. A series of articles will be written about the Tribal Law and Order Ordinance. We will start our series with Chapter 1, General Provisions. We have incorporated the Wampanoag

language within the document with English interpretations in parenthesis.

Chapter 1. General Provisions

From time immemorial, Wâpanâak (Wampanoag) land has been an important aspect to the meenawôhtam8ôk (culture) and way of life for the Mashpee Wampanoag. The Mashpee have maintained a special relationship and spiritual connection with kutahkeemum (our land), Wutahkeemôwun (our community), and all that encompasses the two.

We name ourselves after the land we live with. Because not only are we breathing in, we are also drinking from the water that is flavored by that very land. Whatever is deposited in the soil is in that water is in us. So we are all one thing, and we name ourselves after the place that is our nurturing. That sustains our life.

The purpose of this Tribal Law

and Order Ordinance is to care for the Mashpee kutahkeemum (land) and wutahkeemôwut8ôk (harmony) with Manut (the Creator) and Spirit of the People of the First Light. Weecheetupôwut8ôk means continually having a mind that is together with someone else's which is vital to be able to maintain stability within the Tribe. In addition, Weech8humôkanee N8hswehtamuk (Community Health Principle) helps address the connection between the people and the land. The Principle states that the health of the community at large depends on recognizing the connectedness of all things and people, and the responsibility that we all have to each other. For Mashpee peoples, a mentally, spiritually, emotionally and physically healthy community is achieved when this Principle is reached.

Land Use Committee Seeking Members

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is looking for tribal members to serve on the Land Planning and Use Committee. This committee's duties will consist of land use planning and land acquisition recommendations. The committee will consist of nine tribal members who will serve in two-year staggered terms. If you are interested in serving on the Land Planning and Use Committee, please send a letter of interest along with your resume/CV to Francie Dottin, executive administrative assistant to the chairman, francie.dottin@mwtribe-nasn.gov.

Tribal Council established a Land Planning and Use Committee in September 2017. The primary function of the committee is to act in a formal land use advisory role to the Tribal Council through the presentation of recommendations to Tribal Council regarding the use

of Tribal lands and properties that will protect our resources, promote tribal sovereignty, and protect and preserve ceremonial, cultural and historical properties. The committee's specific duties will consist of land use planning and land acquisition recommendations; and the Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to Tribal Council through its Council representative for review, approval and implementation of practices and policies in the best interests of the Tribe.

Mashpee Police Department Tip of the Month

There continues to be multiple scams circulating that are meant to scare and confuse you into giving out personal information.

- Remember you don't have to answer the telephone.
- If you don't recognize a telephone number, don't answer it.
- If you do answer, NEVER give out your personal information.
- Don't open emails from senders you DO NOT know.
- Always confirm with a utility company (or other) by contacting the number on your bill if there is a question of cancellation or past due funds.

Any questions please contact Special Officer and Advocate Tara Carline at 508-539-1480 ext 7253

Emergency Management Department Receives Over \$250,000 Grant

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Emergency Management Department received the FY18 2018 AmeriCorps Tribal award for over \$250K. This award is to establish the first ever Tribal AmeriCorps disaster services program on the eastern half of the US.

AmeriCorps NCCC Tribal Disaster Services members strengthen communities and develop leadership skills through direct, team-based service. Teams of young adults, age 18-24, travel across the country to complete projects that meet crucial community needs and also support disaster preparedness and response.

Type of Service – Conduct hands-on service projects with a team

Age – 18 – 24

Eligibility – No prior experience necessary

Duration – 10 Months (Starting October, 2018)

Location – Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Lands in addition to travel and service to various locations

Living Allowance Provided

Travel to FEMA deployments

Free trainings; ie; Wildlife, Basic survival skills, Firefighting, Life skills and more

Education Award of \$5,920.00

Additional benefits include: child care, health care, housing, transportation.

Full time service hours up to 1,700 hours

Visit the AmeriCorps website <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameriCorps> for updated information.

If you are interested or may know of Tribal youth that may have an interest in joining, please contact the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Emergency Management Department:

EM Director – Nelson.Andrews@mw-tribe-nsn.gov (508) 477-5800 Ext-15 or

EP Specialist – Allyssa.Hathaway@mwtribe-nsn.gov (508)477-5800 Ext-13

Federal Legislators Support Bill (continued)

Mashpee."

The tribe said losing its reservation would cause them to close its school, abandon a tribal housing project, forfeit federal environmental grants, and divert funding designated for critical social services.

Without legislative action to re-affirm the Interior Department's September 2015 decision that established the Mashpee tribe's initial reservation, the tribe has said the department could revoke their federal land designation.

"At this point there is so much concern around no decision, Congress could act on passing this bill to clear up any uncertainty, and ambiguity so that our people could continue to thrive, and prosper," says Cromwell.

In his brief testimony on the bill, Acting Bureau of Indian Affairs Director Darryl LaCounte spoke of the Interior Department's responsibility to work in the best interest of tribal nations.

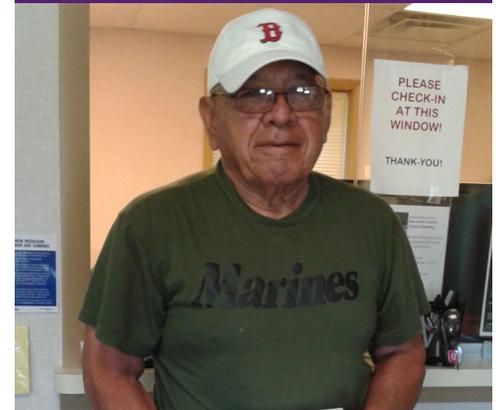
When asked about the status of the Tribe's land-in-trust review, LaCounte said he would get back to the committee. LaCounte was also asked whether the Interior Department was considering revoking the Tribe's reservation status, to which he responded: "I have heard of no plans to do this."

Each of the various Congressional subcommittee members, including subcommittee Chairman Doug LaMalfa, R-California, spoke favorably of the bill.

"I look forward to moving the bill as expeditiously as possible," added U.S. Rep Ruben Gallego, D-Arizona.

U.S. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, said the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Reservation Reaffirmation Act is "a good piece of legislation." The legislation would supersede any action by the Department of the Interior.

Dental Incentive Prize Winner



Congratulations to Frederick Peters Jr. the Mashpee Wampanoag Family Dental Clinic May Incentive Prize Winner. Each month one lucky patient of the clinic is chosen at random as the winner and is able to select a prize. Prizes include items such as an electric toothbrush, a water pick or a dental care package.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Dental Clinic is part of the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit-Indian Health Services. The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and located directly behind the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center. To make an appointment at the clinic or for more information, please call the main office at (508) 477-6967.