



Chairman's Column



Wunee Keesuq Tribal family,

Last month we welcomed the new year with open arms and today we are seeing that 2020 brings new opportunities, growth and development. It is up to us to stand together and realize those opportunities and strengthen our nation as a whole...because it is only by standing together that we will rise.

There are challenges that stand in the way of our success that we will overcome. Our ancestors faced many obstacles that threatened the preservation of our people and our way of living. At times they may have looked insurmountable, but our ancestors persisted and overcame those hardships. We will continue that tradition in 2020. Passion and purpose is paramount towards our Tribal Nation's vision, a vision of Mashpee Wampanoag People thriving with an abundance of love in each family.

As we look at the priorities for the new year, we continue to place the disease of addiction and opioids at the top of our list for good reason. Combating the opioid crisis from a place where we no longer accept vulnerability that enables our people to get caught by the unwanted disease is paramount. To do this, we are attacking it from all angles – physical, mental and spiritual – because it is a battle that we cannot afford to lose. Let us stand in alignment...

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Appeal set in First Circuit Court, February 5 in Boston - Tribal Transportation Available

The Tribe's appeal of the Massachusetts federal court decision that the Government could not take the Tribe's land into trust will be heard by the First Circuit on February 5, 2020 at 9:30 AM in the En Banc Courtroom on the 7th floor of the federal courthouse. The case is "David Littlefield, et al. v. Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribe," Docket #16-2484.

Tribal Transportation will be available with limited seating for Tribal Members. The Tribal vehicle(s) will depart the MWT C&G Building on Wednesday, Feb. 5 by 7 a.m. sharp and will return to the Tribal building directly following the close of the court proceedings in Boston.

Please call or email Trish at Trish.Keliinui@mwtribe-nsn.gov or 508.477.0208 ext. 167 no later than Tuesday, Feb. 4 by 10 a.m., if interested

in reserving a seat on the van.

The courthouse is located at 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, MA 02110.

Through this appeal, the Tribe hopes to uphold the original Record of Decision accepting the Tribe's land into trust.

This appeal concerns the question of whether the Department of the Interior was authorized to take the Tribe's land into trust.

The argument of this appeal will consist of 15 minutes of arguing for each side. The Court will not reach a decision on February 5, 2020, but will likely do so within the next several months.

We welcome and encourage all Tribal members and supporters to attend. If you do attend, please bring a photo ID.

Pup8n "Winter" Vacation Camp

Registration is now open Pup8n "Winter" Vacation Camp. The Mashpee Wampanoag Education Department is offering a four-day winter camp for kids between grades 1 and 6. The fun-filled camp will run during the public-school February Vacation from February 18-21 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM daily.

The camp is open to 25 students on a first come, first served basis that are in grades 1-6. Children will enjoy a variety of fun activities including preparing a traditional feast, STEM at the Waquoit Bay Research and Reserve, the Cape Cod Children's Museum and many cultural activities, language games, songs and dances.

Healthy snacks will be provided daily. For more information or to reserve a spot for your child, please contact Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Indian Education Coordinator Kitty Hendricks-Miller at (508) 477-0208 ext. 143.



New Events

February 9 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Membership Meeting, *MWTCGC*

February 20 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Cultural Night, *MWTCGC*

February 22 - 2:00 p.m.
Child and Family Services Community
Gathering, *MWTCGC*

February 28 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Cultural Night, *MWTCGC*

Weekly Events

Tuesdays - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Elders Lunch & Learn, *MWTCGC*

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Volleyball, *MWTCGC*

Wednesdays - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Tribal Health Yoga Classes with Yoga
Neighborhood, *MWTCGC*

Thursdays - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Elders Lunch & Learn, *MWTCGC*

Monthly Meetings

First Saturday of the Month - 11 a.m.
Elders Meeting, *MWTCGC*

First Tuesday of the Month - 6:00 p.m.
Chief's Circle, *Old Indian Meeting House*

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

Historic District Committee Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the town of Mashpee Historic District Committee. The vacant seat will be filled by a tribal representative that is appointed by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council. To qualify, you must be a citizen of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and a resident of the town of Mashpee. 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 frances.dottin@mwtribe-NSN.gov.

Housing Department Seeking Bids from Qualified Contractors

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Housing Department is seeking bids from qualified contractors to provide residential rehabilitation for each of the following locations:

- 1. Mashpee, MA (Site #1)** - The due date for this project is Friday, February 13, 2020 by 4PM and must be submitted to the Mashpee Wampanoag Government Center, Housing Department, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649.
- 2. Hyannis, MA** - The due date for this project is Friday, February 14, 2020 by 4PM and must be submitted to

the Mashpee Wampanoag Government Center, Housing Department, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649.

There will be a pre-bid conference at the residential site. Information on this meeting is contained in the bid package.

If you have any questions regarding the bid packages please contact the Housing Department @ (508) 477-0208 Ext. 104.

Bids received from qualified Native American contractors will be given preference.

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with our Creator's divine alignment of being the best of the best.

Our mission is to be on time with each other, to have discernment in the decisions we make for ourselves and for each other so that we arrive on decisions on time. Our Creator has the perfect timing always; however, we must be active participants reaching towards positive and effective goals and results while lifting each other as Salt and Light of the earth.

Our core is to behave like every day is a new day and we make history every day because the day has never happened before. New possibilities, new ideas and new thoughts. We must renew our minds. We must envision where we want to be and what it looks like. We must see it to be it.

Kutâputunumuw;

Chairman Cedric Cromwell
Qaqemasq (Running Bear)

Changes are Coming to the Wampanoag Museum

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Historic Preservation Department a unique grant to support the installation of a new exhibit at the Mashpee Wampanoag Museum. The new exhibit will replace the whaling exhibit and will focus on the history of the Wampanoag Nation prior to and post European colonization.

The new exhibit, which will launch in April will take visitors through the physical and cultural landscape of the Wampanoag Tribes and explore the impact colonization had on the native community. The exhibit will include a mix of print panels and interactive touchscreens that will dig deeper into the history.

Cultural Nights at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Cultural Nights at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center will continue through June. Cultural Nights usually have a different cultural theme (Cornhusk Doll making, Wampanoag storytelling, quahog stuffer making, etc.) including MC, singing and dancing. The themes are typically announced on the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department Facebook page.



The upcoming schedule is:

- February 20th 6-730pm, Thursday Night Cultural Night
- February 28th 5-730pm, Friday Night Social
- March 5th & 12th 6-730pm, Thursday Night Cultural Night
- March 19th & 26th 6-730pm, Thursday Night Cultural Night/ Dance Practice

Cultural Nights/Dance

practice will become every Thursday night starting March 19th, focusing on singing, dancing and regalia making. These Thursday dance practices will run until June 25th, to prepare tribal community members of all ages for the Mashpee Wampanoag Pow Wow and the 2020 Pow Wow season.

These events are always open to all members of the Community and the drum circle is always open to all serious singers, beginner or experienced. Food/snacks will be provided.

Mashpee Enterprise Names AJ Govoni Mashpee High School's Athlete Of The Week For January 10, 2020

AJ Govoni's track season started late this year because he was out for two weeks with an illness. He made up for lost time in his first meet of the year by qualifying for the MIAA All-States in his first attempt. Govoni took first place with a jump of 19 feet and two inches on January 7. To coach Mark Doucette, it's no surprise, because Govoni, who also plays football, showed a lot of promise as a freshman. "He works hard in practice, listens and wants to get better every time on the track," the coach said.

AJ is the son of Nicole Hendricks-Govoni and Josh Govoni and the grandson of Ralph and Maureen Hendricks. AJ is the great grandson of Tribal Elder and Clan Mother Janet Hendricks.



Tribe to Provide Free Transportation to Mobile Market



The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center will hold monthly, farmers market-style mobile markets in partnership with The Greater Boston Food Bank. The produce market is from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Dates include: February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10 and September 14.

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Transportation will be providing free rides to these events to all interested parties. To register, call Transit Coordinator Latoya Green at 508-477-0208 ext. 125. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, and those who do not pre-register must wait until the end of the market to shop.

Please bring a reusable grocery bag, baskets or a cart to carry your food.

Flyers with event information and a sign-in sheet will also be available with Donald Peters, Nutritionist Program Director, during Tuesday and Thursday Lunch and Learns at the Community and Government Center.

Language and Education Departments Partner to Train new MWT Daycare Staff

The Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) is excited to announce the January 7 start date of three new classroom assistant trainees who will be supporting and learning from our Weetumuw School teaching team. Sharman Brown, Danna Floyd and Brian Weeden were selected from among a fantastic applicant pool to train with WLRP in order to prepare to help open the Mashpee Wampanoag Education Department's first ever daycare facility next fall.

The trainees will work with language teachers in the Weetumuw School's Mukayuhsak Weekuw (Children's House) and Wushkeenune8ak Weekuw (Young People's House) classrooms serving preschool through second grade students, and are funded by the MWT Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).



The partnership helps support WLRP's overall instructional team and budget as its immersion school at the MWT Community and Government Center continues to expand by one grade level annually.

All three new trainees began their January orientation process with intensive classroom observations,

research on Montessori classrooms, and language lessons. They will be spending 30 hrs/wk with the WLRP team over the next 36 weeks learning about everything from language immersion and culture-based classrooms, preparing materials for classroom activities, implementing parent engagement, monitoring child health and safety, maintaining student records, and supporting children's individual learning needs. The Education Department is also arranging for childcare college coursework for the trainees through a Cape Cod Community College.

Please contact Jennifer Weston, WLRP/Language Department Director or Eileen Miranda, CCDF Manager with any questions: JWeston@wlrp.org and Eileen.Miranda@mwtribe-nsn.gov

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Tribe to Host Mashpee Falcons Varsity Basketball Games

For the third year in a row the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will host a Mashpee High School Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls Basketball Game. The two games will be played on Thursday, February 13 at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center.

The girls varsity game will be played first with tip off at 5:30 PM and the boys game will immediately follow at 7:00 PM.

Go Falcons.



Mashpee Wampanoag Child and Family Services to Host Info Session on February 22



The Child & Family Service (CFS) department is open for business, we have a staff of 3 members. Can you imagine a place in our tribe where people of all ages, incomes, and abilities are welcome to develop helpful and caring connections with each other? A place where skilled and thoughtful professionals along with Elders, Tribal Leaders, Medicine folks, and Clan Mothers help parents, children, and families find emotional support, financial support and practical assistance to succeed in life? A place that offers sensible solutions to families seeking health, safety, educational, and employment services? That is exactly what we are hoping to develop through the CFS department.

We will be hosting a community gathering/information session on February 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Government Center, food & refreshments will be served. Cultural activities will be available for the children to attend during the event. This event is to ask the community what its greatest needs are as we develop the program, as well as inform the community as to what we can

currently offer tribal families.

Child & Family Services goal is to strengthen the whole family unit, while keeping them all together. Teaching a variety of ways to handle some of life's daily challenges. The CFS unit is here to assist tribal families with any challenges or concern they may have regarding raising a family in the society we live in. We are developing healthy ways to strengthen families and encourage cultural ways of connection to our land, our community and ourselves. We are also working on a Kinship Navigator Program, this will allow us to assist Kinship Caregivers even if it's an informal placement of a child. This program will provide information, referral, and follow-up services to grandparents and other relatives raising children to link them to the benefits and services that they or the children need.

If you have any questions please contact 508-477-0208 extension 122, 142, 175 or the CFS cell phone 508-562-9975. If you plan to bring children could you please give us a head count by February 18.

Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Health Services Seeking Practical Nurse

Title: Practical Nurse GS-620-06

Location: Mashpee, MA

This announcement is being announced under MPP/ESEP and DHA Authorities at <http://www.usajobs.gov>

MPP/ESEP Announcement number: 10596267

DHA number: 10596269

MPP/ESEP-Eligibility for applying under MPP/ESEP announcement: Current Federal Employees with position occupied 1, Commission Corp Candidates, Former Federal Employees reinstatement eligible, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act, Indian Preference, Veterans Preference (see who may apply in the MPP/ESEP announcement to insure you are eligible to apply under the MPP/ESEP hiring plans.

DHA (Direct Hire Authority)- Eligibility for apply under DH: Any US Citizen

<https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Census 2020: Why and How to be Counted as a Native American

The 2020 U.S. census will be going out very soon. The government determines how to distribute more than \$600 billion of federal dollars to programs, grants and Native American tribes through the data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau. Filling out the form truthfully and accurately remains one of the best ways to ensure the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe receives the correct amount of federal funding for community programs and services.

The census' methods result in a habitual undercount of Indigenous people. The Washington Post called American Indians and Alaska Natives "one of the most undercounted minority groups in the country" with a 4.8 percent discrepancy in the 2010 census, according to the Census Bureau.

During the 2020 census, the bureau

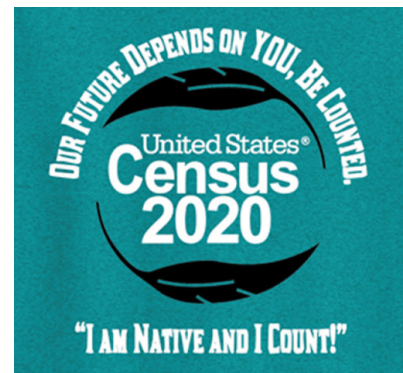
will distribute only short-form surveys, making it more critical to know how and why to fill out the form to give accurate data.

One of the most crucial questions on the census defines the householder. If only one member of a family is not a citizen of a federally recognized tribe and they identify them as the householder, the census records the entire household as such, which includes enrolled children.

Labeling the Indigenous person the householder allows for more accurate Native representation in the federal population data.

If you're a Native or you live in a home where maybe you're not Native but a spouse is or your children are, (make sure) that they are counted as Native because that makes an impact.

The "Race" section under the 2020 census includes the ability



to check multiple boxes to increase specificity and accuracy. The survey also provides space to write out a tribal affiliation. Selecting Native American ancestry on the form, whether alone or in combination with another race makes the data more reliable.

Inclusion and representation in everything from advocacy to politics relies on an accurate calculation of Indigenous people.

Tribal Outreach Person Needed for US Census

Tribal Outreach person wanted for US Census work part-time. Will be required to attend 2 tribal events a month and possibly 2 events off Cape Cod. Will work February until June at \$19 an hour Transportation cost off Cape paid reimbursed. Contact Enrollment at (508) 477-0208 x173.

Census Workers Needed



The United States Census Bureau is in need of people to fill a variety of positions in Bristol, Barnstable, Plymouth, Dukes and Nantucket County. Currently they are searching for individuals for the following positions: Field Supervisor, Office Supervisor, Field Operations and Office Clerk. All of these positions pay over \$20 per hour. Also, they are in specific need for people on Cape Cod.

For more information, contact Employment and Training Program Manager Marnell Cash at (508) 477-0208 ext. 161 or at Marnell.cash@mwtribe-nsn.gov.

Parents of School-Age Kids – Please Call Edu. Department to Ensure Your Child is Counted

The Education Department is gathering information on the schools and grade levels our Native youth attend. As we develop programming to recognize achievements of our youth, in academics, athletics, and cultural accomplishments.

This information assists us when applying for funding opportunities, and follow up with academic and cultural interventions; and creating recognition programs. Call Cameron at ext. 178 or Kitty at ext. 143; or, drop us a line at Cameron.greendeer@mwtribe-nsn.gov or Gertrude.hendricks@mwtribe-nsn.gov; or come in to discuss opportunities for your child. Information remains confidential.

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Every month we will be looking at Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Laws that address victimization. In the Tribal Community Laws 2018, Section 1, Chapter 4, Section 4.7 addresses Elder or Vulnerable Adult Abuse. It is a misdemeanor offense for a person to commit the crime of Elder or Vulnerable Adult Abuse under this Section 4.7 if the person has the responsibility for care or custody of an elder or a dependent adult, and the negligent exercise of that responsibility results in deprivation of services necessary to maintain minimum physical, medical, and mental health to a degree of care below that which a reasonable person in like position would exercise. A third conviction of Elder or Vulnerable Adult Abuse under this Section 4.7 is a felony.

"Neglect" herein includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

1. Failure to assist in personal hygiene, or in the provision of food, clothing or shelter.
2. Failure to provide medical care for physical and mental health needs. No elder shall be deemed neglected or abused for the sole reason that he or she voluntarily, and with informed consent, relies on treatment by spiritual or traditional means in lieu of medical treatment.
3. Failure to prevent malnutrition.
4. Leaving of an elder or dependent adult unattended for indefinite periods of time.
5. Stealing or misappropriating money, checks, property or other assets from an elder or dependent adult.

Any person or caretaker who has reasonable cause to suspect or who witnesses abuse of an elder shall report the abuse or suspected abuse to Tribal Police immediately. A person commits the crime of Failure to Report Abuse who without good causes fails to report abuse or suspected abuse of elders or dependent adults.

Elder abuse is a problem that knows no bounds. People from all walks of life face the potential harms brought by elder abuse – at both the individual and community level. For years, many assumed that elder abuse was not a problem in Indian country because traditional beliefs that revere elders in native communities would protect elders against the scourge of elder abuse. However, in the intervening time, evidence has shown that Native elders and communities are no safer from the ravages of elder abuse than any other community. In fact, it may be that elder abuse actually goes unreported more often in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities for a variety of reasons linked to culture and circumstance. Cultural reasons linked to elder abuse generally revolve around the complicated factors of fear, pride, shame, and the need to protect one's family. The circumstantial reasons are rooted in the history of Native communities and their relationship with the federal government (LTSS Research: Annotated Literature Review, Department of Health & Human Services, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services).

Native Youth Community Project for College and Career Readiness

The Tribe's Education Department currently operates a Native Youth Community Project, for College & Career Readiness funded by a US Department of Education Demonstration Grant, which serves youth, grades 7-12, in the 5 Counties of Bristol, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Barnstable, which includes Mashpee. The grant, in its last year, offers paid Internship opportunities, group college and career exploration, Individual parent/child college visits, and college entrance preparation/tutoring. Contact Cameron Greendeer at (508) 477-0208 Ext. 178.

Academic Assistance at Education Department

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Indian Education Department is providing broad academic support to tribal students. Is your child struggling with reading, math or is simply struggling to maintain interest in school or is impacting their self-esteem? Are you all too familiar with MCAS scores that are "Not Meeting Your Expectations?"

The Education Department may be able to help. The goal of the department is to identify avenues for academic development; eliminate existing education gaps; promote a positive education experience; and support pathways to self-esteem and self-sufficiency.

For more information, please contact the Tribe's Education Director Roxanne Mills Brown at (508) 477-0208 ext. 149.

Agreement allows local students to transfer to New Mexico Institute

For several years the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department have been increasing tribal students' access to the Native Colleges in the New Mexico region, a goal of the Tribe's Education Director Roxanne Mills Brown. Native students have attended college visits, received application support and financial assistance through the Education Department Career Pathways program that is funded in part by the NYCP Building Pathways for Tribal Youth Grant.

The Career Pathways Program is managed by Cameron Greendeer and John Hanlon who also serves as the PACT Coordinator at Cape Cod Community College.

Now, thanks to the connections that have been made between the Education Department Career Pathways Program with the Native Colleges and Cape Cod Community College, the path to a Native College became much clearer for students in the area.

In a unique collaboration with the Institute of American Indian Arts, Cape Cod Community College has added the tribal college in New Mexico to its list of transfer colleges.

The partnership will allow community college students who have completed their associate degree with a concentration in performing arts to transfer to the institute in Santa Fe as juniors, community college President John Cox said.

The partnership comes as part of an effort to reach out to different communities across the Cape, including the Wampanoag tribes, Cox said.

The hope is that Wampanoag students — and others — will consider transferring from Cape Cod Community College to the institute, President Robert Martin said.

"We hope to recruit those students and bring them to our campus," Martin said. He said he plans to visit Cape Cod this spring to meet with local Wampanoag leaders



to discuss opportunities with the institute's accredited programs.

The Institute of American Indian Arts is a congressionally chartered public college on 140 acres in Santa Fe with about 500 students, Martin said.

Funding for the college is included in the federal budget, and the board of trustees — made up mainly of Native Americans — is appointed by the president of the United States.

The institute specializes in indigenous studies and studio, performing and cinematic arts and museum studies, Martin said.

It also has offered a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing since 2013, Martin said, and operates the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts.

"Everything we offer is from an indigenous perspective," Martin said. He said 75 to 80% of the students are from native American and Alaskan backgrounds, but the college is open to all ethnicities.

So far Martin does not know of any Wampanoag students who have attended, although he said the college has drawn native American students from New York and North Carolina as well as indigenous students from Canada.

Trish Keliinui, spokeswoman

for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, said the partnership sounds like a wonderful opportunity, and members of the tribe are eager to learn more during Martin's visit.

Scholarships are available to students, and the annual cost of room and board and tuition comes to about \$15,000 a year, Martin said.

"For fine arts, it's a bargain," Martin said.

Cox said he became aware of the institute, which was established in 1962, when working on his doctorate in higher education.

He said the partnership marks a big opportunity for Cape Cod Community College arts students.

To be eligible for the transfer, Cape college students must complete the associate of arts degree with a performing arts concentration with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

"With this requirement met, transferring students will have their application fees waived by IAIA and will automatically be admitted," a statement from the college says.

Students graduating from the Cape college with a performing arts concentration may transfer to the institute starting in the fall, provided they complete their application by July 27, college officials said.

Cox estimated that 20 to 24 students who are members of the Wampanoag community currently attend the college.

It's a small but growing number," he said.

The community college has partnered with the Wampanoag community in other ways, employing a success coach to work with Wampanoag students and holding leadership training for the tribe at the Center for Corporate and Professional Education, Cox said.

For information on the college performing arts program or the institute go online to capecod.edu/catalog/2019-2020/programs/aa-performing-arts.html or iaia.edu.

Upcoming Theatre Royal Workshops and Rehearsal Schedules

Last year UK's largest regional producing theatre, Theatre Royal Plymouth, along with the Wampanoag Advisory Committee headed by Linda Coombs and Kitty Hendricks, brought the concept of a major production to explore and acknowledge the strength and power of the Wampanoag Nation. Since then community sessions have been held in the US and the UK and the result is a script that has been completed and rehearsal dates that have been set. This is a major step forward in a piece of art that will better inform the world in the history of the Wampanoag Nation.

The Wampanoag scenes that are in the new script are almost entirely made up of what various tribal members said during the community workshops. The scripts are still a work in progress and may be adjusted during the next round of community workshops, which will include a script read out. The community workshop schedule is below. There are a variety of dates and times to accommodate your schedule in hopes as many interested tribal members as possible will find a day and time to attend.

Friday, February 7
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
MWT Gym

Saturday, February 8
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MWT Tribal Council Chambers

Saturday, February 8
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
MWT Tribal Council Chambers

Saturday, February 8
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
MWT Tribal Gym

Sunday, February 9
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MWT Tribal Council Chambers

Sunday, February 9
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
MWT Tribal Council Chambers

Monday, February 10
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
MWT Tribal Gym

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

Sessions will be more practical – please come in comfortable clothes and footwear

We have limited time with you, so please arrive to the sessions on time where possible

We will be there at least 15 minutes before each session is due to start, so please feel free to join us for a chat before we get started

During this trip will be confirming who is able to commit to being in the show and travelling to the UK in June 2020

Following this trip we will begin the process of arranging passports for those who require one

If you would like to commit to being in the show, the expectation is that you will be able to attend as many of the rehearsals in the lead up to travelling to the UK as possible (these will mainly take place on weekends and weekday evenings). If you cannot commit to being in the UK for the full length of time outlined above, please do get in touch and we will see what we can work out to ensure your involvement where possible.

Below is a reminder of the rehearsal schedule for the upcoming months along with the dates for the UK trip for the show.

April 24 – 29
Rehearsals
Times and location tbc

May 8 – 13
Rehearsals
Times and location tbc

May 22 – 31
Rehearsals
Times and location tbc

June 6
Travel to UK
Time tbc

June 8 – June 15
Rehearsals in UK

June 16 – 20
Production week
6 performances across 5 days

June 21 – 22
Travel back to the US
Date & time tbc

For further information and to receive regular updates about the project please contact

Wampanoag Advisory Committee
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bornagainpatuxet@yahoo.com
Kitty Hendricks-Miller kit.4wamp@gmail.com

2020 Young Historian Essay Contest

The New England Historic Genealogical Society have sponsored a unique essay contest for students enrolled in grades 5-12. A total of six winners from two categories (grades 5-8 and grades 9-12) will receive \$500 and be invited to present part of their essay at a special event in Boston.

The 2020 American Ancestors Young Historians Essay Contest asks students to explore how this 400-year-old history relates to our national, familial, and/or personal stories and identities.

Tribal Students are asked to select one of the following questions to explore in their essay.

How is the story of the Mayflower still relevant today?

What does your tribal history mean to you?

Submissions are due June 10, 2020 and may be submitted online at mayflower.americanancestors.org/essay-contest.

Legal Clinics Held Thursdays Through April

UMass Law has sponsored a free legal services clinic for tribal members. The legal clinic is held each Thursday in the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court located at 483 Great Neck Road South from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The clinic is designed to provide free legal assistance with civil legal issues, including family law, landlord-tenant law, and government benefits law in addition to other legal issues.

For more information about the clinic or to schedule an appointment, please contact Tribal Court Clerk Nancy Rose at (508) 477-0208 ext. 109.

Legal Clinic Schedule
Thursday, February 6
Thursday, February 13
Thursday, February 20
Thursday, February 27
Thursday, March 5
Thursday, March 12
Thursday, March 19
Thursday, March 26
Thursday, April 2
Thursday, April 9
Thursday, April 16
Thursday, April 23
Thursday, April 30

Application now being accepted for Tribe's AmeriCorps Program

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe AmeriCorps Program is now recruiting for the 2020 program year. AmeriCorps provides you with valuable life experience and skill development while you serve on a team with fellow 18-24 year olds, earn money for college, and help your Tribal community while receiving a weekly pay stipend! You will perform direct, hands-on service in the areas of natural and other disasters and environmental stewardship. You'll also undergo various intensive trainings at the beginning of your service which includes travel to Alabama to prepare you for the adventure ahead and to learn new skillsets along the way. Learn and grow with a team of your peers and build lasting connections!

MWT AmeriCorps Members:

- Commit to 1,700 hours, 10 months of service to our Tribal Community
- Receive a weekly stipend living allowance
- Earn a Segal Education Award of \$6,195 upon successful completion of the service year
- Travel to trainings, educational institutions and potential disaster deployments
- Training, Professional development and life skills enhancement
- Accepting applications from 12/1/2019 – 3/1/2020
- Start date of February, 3rd 2020

2020 Requirements:

- 18-24 years old
- Driver's license or own reliable transportation
- Must pass criminal history, NSPOW and Federal background check's
- Enrolled Tribal Member
- Must be able to serve M-F 830AM - 430PM with some additional weekends and evenings

Cape Cod Community College Offering Free "Offshore Wind 101" Course

Cape Cod Community College has launched a free, non-credit, college course that will address local career opportunities, and technology basics related to offshore wind. The course, "Offshore Wind 101: Energy, Climate and Jobs," is offered through the College's Center for Corporate and Professional Education. Learn about how you can break into this emerging career path. For more information, please contact Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Employment and Training Program Manager Marnell Cash at (508) 477-0208 ext 161 or at Marnell.cash@mwtribe-nsn.gov.

- Must be able to commit to 10 Months of service
- Must be a self-motivated team player with a positive attitude

To set up an appointment for additional information on how you can serve and how to apply please contact:

AmeriCorps Assistant Program Manager/Emergency Preparedness Specialist Allyssa Hathaway @ Allyssa.Hathaway@mwtribe-nsn.gov (508) 477-0208 Ext 166 or

AmeriCorps Program Director/ Emergency Management Director Nelson Andrews Jr @ Nelson.Andrewsjr@mwtribe-nsn.gov (508) 477-0208 Ext 103

