



## Chairman's Column



Wunee keesuq Tribal family,

Our homecoming is just a few days away and once again we will be coming together on our ancestral homeland. The three days that we gather, sing, dance and pray on the land that our people have inhabited since the beginning of time are special. To powwow on this land is another example of why our connection to our ancestral home cannot be broken. It's also why we continue to push forward with the fight to forever protect our land.

Toward the end of last month, we received very encouraging news about our land in trust.

Judge Rosemary Collyer of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, issued an order handing our Tribe a key victory in our ongoing effort to protect our reservation homelands from being disestablished by the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI).

For background, the order issued by Judge Collyer denied a petition by the plaintiffs in the separate "Littlefield" litigation, the group of East Taunton residents leading the effort against our trust lands efforts, to transfer the Tribe's case out of the District Court for the District of Columbia to Massachusetts, even though Department of the Interior's decision was made in the District of Columbia and even though the case is one of national significance for all of Indian Country.

Now that the Littlefields' trans-

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## Tribe Submits Application for Construction of Childcare Center

The Education Department Child Care Development Fund submitted a formal application, to Health and Human Services/Administration for Children & Families/Child Care Development Fund, on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, for approval to construct a tribal childcare center, at 184 Meetinghouse Road in Mashpee.

A Feasibility Study was completed in May, by RGB Architects, and Education staff met with the Housing Commission to present findings. The proposed site sits on Alice May Lopez Drive, next to the site of the proposed Community Center, in the Mashpee Wampanoag Village Housing Development, located on Old Meetinghouse Road. The childcare center is proposed at 5100 square feet equipped to serve 35 children, 6 weeks to 13 years, to ensure that our youngest and most

vulnerable are given opportunity to flourish in positive, sustainable, and culturally appropriate ways.

Early childhood education coursework, leading toward certification and/or undergraduate degrees is available, toward teaching and administrative positions. The Education Department is currently seeking interested individuals to be part of a focus group to advise the tribe/department on the external aspects of the building, to include landscaping and indigenous, medicinal plants. We will have more on this aspect soon.

If interested in any aspect of early childhood education, or if you have questions, please contact the Education Director at extension 149; or the CCDF Program Manager at extension 152, Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 4:30.

## Education Department Receives Grant for *We Are the Seventh Generation*

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe recently received a \$19,100 grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado. This award will support the efforts of the tribe's project: *We are the Seventh Generation*.

The project is designed to help youth retain and perpetuate the cultural integrity of Wampanoag community values, through participation in seasonally-dictated activities and ceremonial gatherings. It leverages knowledge and skills of culture-keepers and elders, by fostering connections with youth, as they strengthen identity,

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## A New Tradition of Honor



On June 7th, tribal graduates from Mashpee High School gathered at the Tribe's Community and Government Center for a photo to mark a symbolic moment. The photo was part of a "Walk of Honor" procession that took place that day. It was a walk through the tribal building that the entire Mashpee High School 2019 senior class of 98 students participated in together. Congratulations to all of the graduating students. May you continue to walk forward with honor.

## New Events

July 5, 6 & 7 .

Powwow, *Powwow Grounds*

July 14 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting,  
*MWTCGC*

July 21 – 11:00 a.m.

Blind Joe Amos Sunday Service, *Old Indian Meeting House*

## Weekly Events

**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*

**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

## Blind Joe Amos Sunday Service



Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.  
at the Old Indian Meeting House.  
The annual service is held in partnership with the Mashpee Baptist Church and citizens of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

## Open Positions at the Tribe

There are several open positions at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. As of the date of publication the following positions are open. Please visit the Human Resource section of the Tribe's website for complete position descriptions and details for applicants.

### Security Guard (essential employee)

Status: Full-Time

Salary Range: \$18.27 per hour

### Construction Project Manager

Status: Temporary Staff

Salary: \$45. - \$60./per hour,

### Water Resources Technician

Status: Full-time, Non-Exempt

Salary Range: \$38,784/year

### Child & Family Caseworker (2)

Status: Full-Time

Salary Grade: \$23.01/hr. - \$35.42

### Grant Manager

Status: Full-time, Non-Exempt

Salary: \$70,233.80/year

### Human Services/ICWA Caseworker

Status: Full-Time

Salary Grade: \$23.01/hr. - \$35.42

### Tribal Operations Manager

Status: Full-time, Non-Exempt

Salary Range\*: Low - \$54,217.80 | Mid - \$72,290.40 | High - \$90,360.00

## Savannah Maher Joins Wyoming Public Media

Savannah Maher joined Wyoming Public Media in June after working on NPR's midday show Here & Now, where her work explored everything from Native peoples' fraught relationship with American elections to the erosion of press freedoms from tribal media outlets. Savannah's a proud citizen of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe,

Savannah got her start in journalism reporting from the Mashpee Enterprise and graduated from Dartmouth College in 2018.

## Kutâputush, Project Bread!

The Education Department received a grant from Project Bread for \$3,000 to help pay for the costs of a Food Service Worker/Caterer, for the Summer Food Service Program, which will provide breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack to the 30 youth enrolled in the Nee-punee PÔhp8Ôk Camp.

As we increase our capacity, the Education Departments looks forward to the day when the tribe can provide a Summer Food Service Program to all children.

## Dr. Evans, Tribal Member, to Join Dental Team

Dr. Tempestt Evans will be joining the dental team (Terasa and Elaine) at the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit. Dr. Evans visited the dental clinic on June 3-4, and is a great fit to continue to provide dental services to the tribal community. A start date has not yet been determined, but is anticipated to be sometime this summer. Dr. Evans grew up in Connecticut, completed her dental school training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel-

Hill, and is currently finishing an Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program at Winslow Indian Health Care Center in Arizona. As a registered member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, she is looking forward to giving back and advancing the oral health of the Mashpee Wampanoag as well as that of other federally recognized tribal members.

## Summer Meals and Neepunee PÔhp8Ôk Camp Kicks Off on July 15 – August 30, 2019

The Mashpee Old Indian Meeting House Authority, Inc. is sponsoring the Summer Food Service Program, for the 30 tribal children enrolled in the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Neepunee PÔhp8Ôk Camp. Fifty percent (50%) of enrolled children must meet the guidelines for free or reduced meals in the National School Lunch Program. The income guidelines for reduced-priced meals by family size are listed online in this edition of the Mittark. Children who are part of households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assis-

tance to Needy Families (TANF) are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

Neepunee PÔhp8Ôk Camp  
ATTN: Education Department  
Mashpee Wampanoag Community &  
Government Center  
483 Great Neck Road South  
Mashpee, MA 02649

## Native Owned: The Station Ave Grill in Falmouth

Chef John Marcellino is the new owner of The Station Grill located at 59 Depot Ave in Falmouth with lobster rolls, pulled pork, egg and cheese breakfast sandwich, The Fat Daddy cheese burger, Gifford's ice cream, and more. The Station Ave Grill is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with seating inside and out. For more info, call (508) 221-8622.



## Clan Mother Shares Native Tradition and Culture with Students in New Bedford

On June 5th the Indian Education program participated in a forum at the Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School (the Gomes School is one of Indian Ed's district schools in New Bedford). Carol Wynne, Mashpee Wampanoag Culture Keeper and Otter Clan Mother presented our history and cultural lifeways to 550 students.

## Briella Mae Hicks Born



Please join us in welcoming Briella Mae Hicks. Briella was born June 12, 2019 weighing 6lbs., 10oz to the proud parents of Brice Hicks, Jr. and Jessica Nelson.

## Quashnet School Celebrates Native Culture



On June 4 and 5 the Quashnet School hosted "Wampanoag Day" a collaborative event between the Mashpee Public Schools and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Partnership Plan. The event featured learning stations, crafts with Mother Bear, games, traditional football, hubbub, and double ball. Students also participated in STEM and Estuary Soup activities and were shuttled to the Tribe's shellfish farm where they were greeted by Corey Hendricks. There was also food prepared by Naomi Walker. The event closed with songs that included the rattles the children made.

## Historical Commission Seeking Assistance for War Memorial

A memorial bearing the names of more than 230 Mashpee veterans from all wars dating back to the American Revolution is slated to be built in the Mashpee Community Park. The list of names is currently in draft form and the historical commission for the town of Mashpee is asking the community to review the list for accuracy.

A copy of the list can be found online at mittark.com or on the historical commission section of the town of Mashpee's website. Any changes or additions should be sent to Richard DeSorgher at Richard.desorgher@gmail.com or by calling (508) 314-2605.

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fer motion has been disposed of by the court, we may move forward with presenting its case that the Interior acted unlawfully when it disregarded relevant case law and its own long standing statutory interpretation when the Department of Interior issued a decision last September 7th, that cast a shadow on our land trust status and caused unrest in our community.

This victory comes on the heels of our tremendous victory on Capitol Hill on May 15th when the U.S. House of Representatives voted in a bi-partisan fashion to pass HR312, our legislation confirming the reservation status of the Tribe's lands.

The significance of this victory and its importance to our Tribe cannot be overstated. The Tribe has had to endure hardships since the status of its reservation has come

under attack. The support we have received from pan-tribal organizations representing more than 250 tribes across the U.S., the support we have received from the House of Representatives, and now this good news from the federal courts have given our people hope.

But the drain on our resources continues to be overwhelming, and we continue to urge the U.S. Senate to finish the work of the House to preserve our limited resources for the housing and caring of our members instead of forcing us to endure further litigation.

Thank you for keeping the faith and keeping Mashpee above Everything!

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## NYCP Building Pathways for Tribal Youth Plans Summer and Fall 2019

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department has organized several education and culture based programs for the summer and fall of 2019 for tribal students. These events are made possible thanks to the NYCP Grant funding. Summer programs include canoe trips to Presque Island and Passamaquoddy in Maine, financial and time management workshops, and fishing and canoe trips in Mashpee. Fall programs include college visits and educational support.

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## Tribal Student Zoe Harris Seeking Natives to Interview

Zoe Harris (daughter of Gordon Harris and granddaughter of Barbara Harris) is looking for people to interview about traditional medicine for her senior capstone project at Northeastern University. Interviews can be in person or via phone call and are expected to last about 60-90 minutes. The information

will ultimately be used to create a children's book for the WLRP. Interviews will take place from August 1st-15th and 21st-24th. To schedule an interview or for more information contact Zoe at 508-367-9625 or email [harris.z@husky.neu.edu](mailto:harris.z@husky.neu.edu).

## Christie Lincoln and Your Smiling Hygienist Tees Returns Home

Christie Lincoln, RDH - daughter of Rhonda Mills and granddaughter of Karl and Delores Mills and the late Alice Coombs Santos, is returning to Mashpee with her husband, Anthony and three children, Carter, Caleb and Sage.

Christie is the founder and designer behind the beloved graphic tee brand, Your Smiling Hygienist. Her best sellers: Smiling Warrior, Smile for Humanity and Hella Smile are national favorites.

## Awards for Dasia Peters



Dasia Peters, daughter of Jermaine Peters and Jessica Souza, received five academic awards during the Mashpee High Honors Ceremony. Dasia received awards in Wampanoag, Ecology, U.S. History, French, and the Mt. Holyoke Book Award.

## TERO Notification

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Gaming Authority (MWTGA). Accepting proposals from qualified Fence or General Contractors for the supply and installation of perimeter galvanized chain link fencing at Tribal property at O'Connell Way, Taunton, MA 02780.

Pre-bid site visit can be scheduled through attorney Rebekah Salguero at [rsalguero@salguerolaw.com](mailto:rsalguero@salguerolaw.com).

Proposals will be received until: July 9, 2019, 2:00 pm, EST at: Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center 483 Great Neck Road South Mashpee, MA 02649 attn: Ms. Francie Dottin

All proposal related questions need to be submitted in writing via email to: [Rebekah Salguero -rsalguero@salguerolaw.com](mailto:Rebekah.Salguero@salguerolaw.com), no later than 7-1-2019, 5:00 pm EST.

## MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$19,100 GRANT FOR “WE ARE THE SEVENTH GENERATION” (continued)

assume responsibility, and develop pride.

“We very much appreciate the opportunity the First Nations Development Institute’s Native Youth and Culture Fund has provided.” said Roxanne Mills Brown, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department Director. “The grant supports a dedicated focus on an age group often overlooked for specific inclusion in cultural activities.” she added.

Thirty Wampanoag youth, ages 10 – 14, will engage in this 12 month STEAM-based cultural project. The acronym represents the concepts of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics intertwined in different approaches and activities for teaching and learning. STEAM activities foster children’s curiosity, creativity, and learning as they try things and explore the world around them. Youth will be identified from the tribal community of Mashpee, and 5 surrounding

communities, with whom we have a significant number of tribal families residing.

Brian Weeden, at age 26 is currently the youngest Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Councilman, stated, “This is a great opportunity for us to carry on our traditional teachings to the next generation while preserving our culture for all Wampanoag people.”

From the time of European colonists and missionaries in the early 1600’s, Wampanoag families were prohibited from practicing traditional ways and coerced into acceptance of Christianity (Salisbury, 1992). Wampanoag people no longer had the freedom to speak their language or attend to what was important to them, resulting in the disruption of their worldview. Today our people continue to struggle, as inter-generational trauma has infused itself, and become a part of our very existence. Unremarkably, many of our traditions and inter-tribal

relationships have sustained themselves within a generation whose age is approaching that of Social Security eligibility; leaving behind generations of younger tribal members who have little to no concept of traditional ways. These culture-keepers continue to take ceremony, and maintain the culture, for the Seventh Generation, those yet unborn; so they too may live with dignity, character, and pride; in being Mashpee – Mashpee Wampanoag.

“This is an amazing opportunity for our Tribal students, I applaud Roxanne and her team for spearheading this project.” said Cedric Cromwell, Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. “To foster interest and develop valuable skills in science, tech, arts and mathematics, all while balancing cultural components provides the essential tools for our youth to thrive and prosper in life for generations to come.” Cromwell added.

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Summer programs include the following:

August 1 – 4: Eastern Native Youth Food Sovereignty Summit, Presque Isle, Maine

August 7 – 8: Financial and Time Management Workshops and Basketball Tournament in Mashpee

August 15 - 20: Canoe Trip to Passamaquoddy Land in Maine: St. Croix River  
Various Dates – Fishing and Canoeing in Mashpee

Fall programs include the following:

September 18: UMass Dartmouth student and parent session on College Now/START Admissions Program  
October TBA: UMass Dartmouth col-

lege tour

October 25 - 26: Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine campus visit and Upward Bound Program

September 23 – 26: Food Sovereignty Summit, Green Bay, WI

Life Skills Workshops (ie. getting ids)  
Held Once a Month: SAT prep with pizza

Two Saturdays in October/November:  
Outdoor skills

Date TBA: Visit to Cape Cod Community College

November 17: Eastham 400 Youth Forum

November TBA: Tufts University admissions director student and parent session on creating college lists, applications, essays, financial aid

The Native Youth Community Projects (NYCP) is supported by grant funds that allow the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department to en-

hance the educational opportunities for tribal students. The program is centered around a goal of ensuring that Indian students are prepared for college and careers.

The NYCP programs that have been developed for this community are unique and the result of a needs assessment and other data that has been collected on our future leaders. You must RSVP for a program prior to going. It is strongly recommended that you RSVP as quickly as possible as seats can fill up. To RSVP or to get additional information, please contact John Hanlon at 508-237-0041, john.hanlon@mwtribe-nsn.gov or Cameron Greendeer at 508-477-0208, Cameron.greendeer@mwtribe-nsn.gov in the Education Department.