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.

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 Class of 2019 senior class of 98 students participated in together. Congratulations to all of the graduating students. May you continue to walk forward with honor.
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

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

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 Neepunee POhp8Ôk 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. Tempestit Evans will be joining the dental team (Teresa 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.

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.
Summarized Content:

**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 Assistance 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

**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.
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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 the 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!

Kutaputunumuw!

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.

TTERO 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. 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, no later than 7-1-2019, 5:00 pm EST.
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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, art, 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.

NYCP Building Pathways for Tribal Youth Plans Summer and Fall 2019 (continued)

summer and fall of 2019 for tribal students. These events are made possible thanks to the NYCP Grant funding.

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 Passamquoddy 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 college 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 enhance 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 so seats can fill up. To RSVP or to get additional information, please contact John Hanlon at 508-237-0041, john.hanlon@mwttribe-nsn.gov or Cameron Greendeer at 508-477-0208, Cameron.greendeer@mwttribe-nsn.gov in the Education Department.