101st ANNUAL
MASHPEE WAMPANOAG
POWWow

Honoring the Four Directions

July 1, 2 & 3

Mashpee Wampanoag Pawâw Grounds
483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee
Gates Open at 10 AM | Grand Entry at 1 PM Daily
Brief History of the Mashpee Wampanoag

Welcome to Mashpee, the home of our tribe for over 12,000 years. Many a storm and visitor has swept through our woods and found comfort on our beaches both fresh and salt. Our first visitors from the west were the Vikings during the year of 1004. They anchored in Waquoit Bay and stayed for quite a while longer than most folks use their time-share abodes. We’ve seen many come and go like Verrazano, Cabot, Zunis, Lenape and other explorers. We have a history of hospitality one might say. Our culture directs us to be kind, friendly, and hospitable, which allowed the early English settlers to prosper.

The Mashpee Wampanoag are one of three surviving tribes of the original sixty-nine in the Wampanoag Nation. The other two tribes still living on their original homelands are the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) on Martha’s Vineyard and the Herring Pond Tribe in Bournedale. The Marshpee (later called Mashpee) tribe was under the oversight of English missionaries for nearly 200 years. The reservation period in Mashpee officially began in 1677 and restricted our freedom until 1868. From that time up until around 1975 the tribe ran the town government of Mashpee. We became overwhelmed with new residents that very quickly took control of the direction of the town with an easy five to one vote. Today the Mashpee Indian population is less than 10%.

Economically the tribe has adapted and managed in a number of different ways besides hunting, fishing, and planting. During the 17th and 18th centuries we were involved in the fur, rope, timber, and sassafras trade. In the 19th and early 20th centuries Mashpee Wampanoag men were engaged in the whaling industry sailing the Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic and Indian Oceans. Those mariners were usually out to sea for at least a year at a time hunting whales. The fishing is still great here in Mashpee. Our rivers, the Mashpee and Quashnet, have been loaded with herring during the spring months. Smoked herring were exported to Europe from Mashpee during the 20th century. The cranberry industry and a broom factory in Mashpee also once provided local employment. Today most Mashpee Natives are employed in the building and health care industries or working for the tribe in a variety of professions. Subsistence farming, fishing, and hunting are still practiced by tribal members. See you down the bay; try hard not to leave a footprint.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has both traditional and conventional leadership for our people. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is a federally recognized tribe (2007), allowing it to actively participate in federal programs designed for Indian Nations. We maintain a government to government relationship with all federal...
agencies to support the health, education, and welfare needs of the tribe. Our traditional leadership includes the Chief and his Circle of advisors, Medicine Man, and Clan Mothers. The Chief and Medicine Man have permanent seats at the Tribal Council table to ensure cultural concerns are included in decision-making. Tribal members seek advice, ceremony, and social justice from these leaders.

The 98th Annual Pawâw is being held at the "Pow Wow Grounds" at 483 Great Neck Rd North Mashpee, MA. This year's theme is "Honoring our Spiritual Leaders and Future Generations". The pawâw is a traditional celebration of Mashpee Wampanoag culture, featuring Native American dancing, drumming, games, food art, jewelry, wampum, gifts, crafts and clothing. The tribe is offering prize money for dance and drum competitions throughout the weekend.

Scheduled events and special performances include Host Drum: Ho Chunk Village, Eastern Social Songs and dance, Wampanoag Pawâw Princess Contest, Little Miss Wampanoag Contest, and our traditional clambake.

The pawâw will feature Master of Ceremonies Annawon Weeden and Arena Director Eleanor “Toodie” Coombs and Brian Weeden.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Pawâw is open to the public and offers events and attractions for the whole family. Gates open at 10:00 a.m. each day.

By Ramona Peters
Founder, Native Land Conservancy

Pawâw Princess & Little Miss Wampanoag

2021-2022 Pawâw Princess Dasia Peters
2021-2022 Little Miss Wampanoag Aniyah Hendricks
Rich May, P.C. congratulates the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe on its 101st Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow “Honoring The Four Directions”

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Pawâw Schedule: Friday, July 1st

10:00 AM   Gates Open
11:00 AM   Storytelling with Mother Bear
12:00 PM   Aztec Ceremonial Dance
12:45 PM   Drum Roll Call
Opening Prayer: Mother Bear
Opening Remarks: Chairman Brian Weeden
1:00 PM   Grand Entry
Welcoming/Introductions: Annawon Weeden
Veterans Dance
Intertribal
2:00 PM   Golden Age Dance Exhibition
Tiny Tots Candy Dance in memory of Okemos Brown
3:00 PM   Intertribal
Junior Boy's Dance Competition
Junior Girl's Dance Competition
4:00 PM   Intertribal
Honoring of our Four Directions
5:00 PM   Dinner Break
Storytelling
Wampanoag Singers and Dancers
7:00 PM   Grand Entry
Retire the Flags
Golden Age Combined Dance Exhibition
Junior Combined Dance Exhibition
Teen Girl's Dance Competition
Teen Boy's Dance Competition
Adult Women's Competition
Adult Men's Competition
8:00 PM   Drums Choice Intertribal
Pawâw Schedule: Saturday, July 2nd

10:00 AM   Gates Open
11:00 AM   Storytelling
12:00 PM   Aztec Singers & Dancers
12:45 PM   Drum Roll Call
            Opening Prayer: Wayne "Big Oak" Jackson
            Opening Remarks Chairman Brian Weeden
1:00 PM   Grand Entry
            Welcoming/Introductions: Annawon Weeden
            Veterans Dance
            Tiny Tots
2:00 PM   Intertribals
            Junior Girl’s Dance Competition
            Junior Boy’s Dance Competition
            Teen Girl’s Dance Competition
            Teen Boy’s Dance Competition
4:00 PM   Intertribal
5:00 PM   Dinner Break
            Storytelling
            Wampanoag Singers & Dancers
            Music Provided by Uri Ridgeway
6:00 PM   Drums Choice Intertribal
            Adult Women’s Dance Competition (2 songs)
            Adult Men’s Dance Competition (2 songs)
            Alice "Blue Bird" Lopez Eastern Blanket Special
Dusk   Fire Ball
Pawâw Schedule: Sunday, July 3rd

10:00 AM  Gates Open
11:00 AM  Storytelling by Mother Bear
12:00 PM  Wampanoag Singers & Dancers
12:45 PM  Drum Roll Call
          Opening Prayer: Tribal Elders
          Opening Remarks: Chairman Brian Weeden
1:00 PM   Grand Entry
          Welcoming/Introductions: Annawon Weeden
          Veterans Dance
          Tiny Tot Special in memory of Okemos Brown
          Tiny Tots
2:00 PM   Elisha “Clay Ash” Johnson-Gonsalves Teen/Women Special
          Dance Offs
          Little Miss Wampanoag Dance and Crowning
          Melvin Coombs Eastern War Special
          Fire Ball Honoring
          Memorial Dance
          Red Dress Special in memory of MMIW
4:00 PM   Intermission / Eastern Social Dancing
5:00 PM   Intertribal
          Princess Dance Exhibition and Crowning
          Intertribal - Drums Choice
          Retire the Flags
          Announcement of Winners
          Travel Song
Angels We Lost 2021 - 2022

Okemos R Brown
Errol F Newcomb
Karen D Sargent
Joan A Monteiro
Ellen M Hendricks
Anne W Brown
Betty J Martin
Jennie S Leahey
William S Lewis Jr.
Marjorie D Seagraves
Everett Peters
Pearl A Wixon
James L Smith
Donald Jonas

Trudi A Oakley
Amelia G Bingham
Marie C Tobey
Lafayette R Hicks Jr.
Phyllis F Lopes
Francine D Hicks
Yvonne D Baez
Wilfred T Lopez Sr.
Bonnie L Scott
Daniel D Tavares
Theodore V Jonas
Sharon A Kennedy
Timothy C Bingham
Jennie Tavares

Marie J Murdock
Charles E Lopes
Licinio G Monteiro Jr.
April White
Warner Ennes III
Delores G Mills
Robert V Peters II
Bernard C Coombs
April C Hewitt
Christine O Rezendes
Gerard V Costa
Sharon Tobey Kennedy

Clan Mothers

Anita Mother Bear Little - Bear Clan
Shirleyann High Rock - Eel Clan
Marlene Lopez - Rabbit Clan
Sherry Peters - Beaver Clan
Janet Hendricks - Eagle Clan
Carol Wynn - Otter Clan
Joan Tavares Avant - Deer Clan

Traditional Leaders

Vernon "Silent Drum" Lopez
Earl "Flying Eagle" Mills, Sr.
Earl "Soaring Eagle" Cash, Medicine Man

Tribal Council

Brian Weeden, Chairman
Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Vice Chairman
Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Marie Stone, Treasurer
Yvonne Avant, Councilwoman
Winnie Johnson-Graham, Councilwoman
Domigo Tiexeira, Councilman
David Weeden, Councilman
Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman
Rita Gonsalves, Councilwoman
Aaron Tobey, Councilman
Head Staff 2022

Head Woman Dancer: Autumn Jackson
Head Man Dancer: Iyannough Peters
Emcee: Annawon Weeden
Arena Director: David Weeden
Head Dance Judge: Toni Weeden
Host Drum: Eastern Suns
Invited Drums: Ho Chunk Singers, Red Clay Singers, Southern Eagle, Red Hawk Singers

From the Pawâw Committee

On behalf of the Pawâw Committee, we would like to take this time and thank you for being a part of our homecoming. This is one of the most anticipated events provided by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe that brings our family and friends together to honor "The People of the First Light". This committee has worked very hard to make this event possible and we hope you all enjoyed your time with us.

We hope to see you again next year!

Thank you,

Mashpee Wampanoag Pawâw Committee
Carla Riley, Chairwoman
Ryanne White-Jackson, Secretary
Russell Peters, Member
Eleanor "Tootie" Coombs, Member
Jade Galvin, Member
Allison Gonsalves, Member
Edwina "Winnie" Johnson-Graham, Tribal Council Co-Liaison
David Weeden, Tribal Council Co-Liaison
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