



Tangirnaq Times

Spring 2024



Woody Island Tribal Council exists to promote and ensure the social, economic, political, and cultural needs of our Tribal citizens.

We do this by focusing on:

Luumaciq, Angayukulluta (Culture, Being Partners/Friends with Each Other)	Supporting and engaging all of our citizens
	Documenting history and supporting cultural preservation, landmarks, and language education
	Providing a connection to our shared culture, homelands, and each other
Qumlugciluta (We Save Things for Future Use)	Generating resources to support benefits to tribal citizens
	Providing education benefits
	Managing lands and resources
Ayaprulluta (We Support Each Other)	Advocating on behalf of tribal citizens, tribal sovereignty, and our lands
	Collaborating and consulting on issues relevant to Tribal rights
	Exercising sovereignty with our government-to-government relationships

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CORE VALUES:

- ◆ Adaptability
- ◆ Spiritual connection to place
- ◆ Unity and respect
- ◆ Strength through consensus
- ◆ Our Heritage, Our Families, Our Future

PURPOSE

The core purpose of Tangirnaq Native Village (aka Woody Island) is to enhance the lives of our Tribal citizens by providing programs and services while preserving and promoting our culture and traditions.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and getting ready for spring. The days are not much warmer yet, but we are getting more light every day and that does brighten the spirits. We have been busy and I'm excited to highlight some upcoming initiatives that connect us to Kodiak and each other and prioritizes the unity that the spirit of unity that defines our region..

This spring, we're offering workshops on Qaspeq (Kuspuk) sewing and we look forward to continuing our support of the Pacific Northwest Alutiiq Culture Camp.

Visit our new website, we hope this will serve as a hub for staying connected to our Tribe and each other. The Annual Meeting is approaching, and virtual attendance will be provided. The annual meeting is an important time for reflection and planning our future together, I hope to see you there.

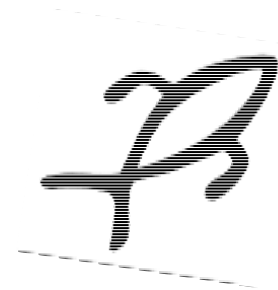
At the end of February several Tribal Council members will attend the second annual Alaska Native Unity Forum. This is a gathering of tribes, village corporations, regional corporations, Tribal Health Organizations, regional non-profits, and housing authorities and our region is committed to unity and working together to serve our citizens, shareholders and descendants.

Alaska's model of self-determination involves a constellation of tribes, regional and village corporations, along with Tribal Consortia and non-profits that work together to serve and represent Alaska Native people. Our unique structure is frequently misunderstood or purposely overlooked – but it is our story to tell and our mission to ensure Alaska Native people have the best opportunities. Last year, we convened to hold these critical conversations and developed a clear plan of action to address national issues that have a significant impact on Alaska Native people and our unique structure of self-governance. This February we plan to build on what was developed last year and continue our dialogue.

I look forward to sharing more at our upcoming annual meeting.

Quyanaa –

Alex



Tangirnaq Native Village 2024 Annual Meeting



Plans are underway for the Tribe's 2024 Annual Meeting. This year the meeting will be in Anchorage, jointly hosted with Leisnoi, Inc.

When : **Saturday May 18, 2024**
Time : **8:30a in-person, 9:30a Call to Order**
Location : **Crown Plaza Anchorage Midtown (Aurora Ballroom)**
109 W. International Airport Road

All Tribal citizens and their families are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about the Tribe and Corporation and enjoy food, prizes, and the opportunity to meet with friends and family.

This year we have two (2), three-year seats up for election on the Woody Island Tribal Council, currently occupied by Chrislyn Hoen and Germaine Salmine.

2024 Declaration of Candidacy



Tangirnaq Native Village (aka Woody Island)



On May 18, 2024, an election will be held to fill two (2), (3) three-year seats on the Woody Island Tribal Council, currently occupied by Chrislyn Hoen and Germaine Salmine.

Eligible Tribal voters are invited to declare their candidacy for this election

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FORM is available on website, can be emailed to you, copies available at office at 194 Alimaq Drive, or QR code below.



Declarations must be received by the TNV office by mail, email or by dropping off at 194 Alimaq Drive, no later than April 5, 2024

For questions call 907-4586-9872 OR info@woodyisland.com



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Tangirnaq History, Culture & Language

Tangirarmiut - History, Culture & Language

A Facebook group for TNV citizens has been created by Tangirnaq Native Village (aka Woody Island). This group will be used for TNV citizens to learn and share history and culture from Tangirnaq.

The group will also learn and share the Alutiiq/Sugpiaq language in an effort for cultural revitalization! You'll be able to use this Facebook group to find and share valuable resources on the culture and history of Tangirnaq, as well as information on the Alutiitstun/Sugt'stun Class, started in February 2024. www.facebook.com/groups/tangirarmiut

Grave Identification Project

The Tangirnaq Native Village Tribal Council for years have been interested in clearly identifying and delineating the existing cemetery sites and graves within the Historic District. The objective is to ensure future development and land use in the area is done without harming the graves. Site delineation will also provide an opportunity to promote awareness of and respect for Woody Island's extensive historical and cultural resources. Woody Island is deemed a Historic District.

This summer Tribal Historian, Chris Wooley, will be leading a project with the Northern Land Use Research Alaska, land owners, and the Alutiiq Museum to begin identification of unmarked graves and other buried features on Woody Island. This fieldwork will include ground penetrating radar to discover and identify unmarked graves. The project will also include testing, analysis, and data collection.

Atkuk Project

The Alutiiq Museum has released a set of instructional for making an Alutiiq/Sugpiaq snow falling parka. This project was supported by the Tangirnaq Native Village and the US Bureau of Indian Affairs. Please see the attached press release for additional information. Education Manager Leda Beuthin led the project and can be contact for additional information or an interview at leda@alutiiqmuseum.org, or 844-425-8844, X119.

The parka making instructions can be found here:

<https://alutiiqmuseum.org/alutiiq-people/art/arts-blog/sewing/#atkuk>



Response to Citizen Survey Results

We Listened to you!



-The Tribe has been addressing the identified needs from the citizen survey focused on **education** by implementing three new scholarship opportunities (Career Development, Vocational, and Part-time, see below)

-The Tribe has been addressing **increased opportunities to engage in cultural activities** as identified in the citizen survey. There are several ways to engage including virtual session for all TNV citizens, PNWACC in person camp summer of 2024, virtual language session with Sojung, and through follow-up virtual and in-person in Kodiak sessions in conjunction with the Cama'i Boxes.

-Website update, more Facebook posts, mass emails

Education / Scholarship Update

The Tangirnaq Native Village is excited to announce three new educational opportunities through the Margaret "Agnguarta" Roberts Memorial Scholarship Program.

The **Career Development Grant** will provide an opportunity for eligible enrolled citizens up to \$1,000 (subject to availability of funding) to assist citizens that are choosing to further their education/training through short-term, non-degree seeking programs such as licensing and certification trainings, seminars, workshops or other career advancing programs.

The new **Vocational Scholarship** will provide up to \$5,000 (subject to availability of funding) to assist eligible enrolled citizens whom have chosen to further their education through vocational training. Vocational Grant provide funding for non-degree seeking individuals enrolled in an accredited vocational, technical program or training program.

Finally, **Part-Time College** is now accepted and will support eligible citizens that wish to attend college on a part-time basis.

To learn more about the application process and specifics about each of the new education opportunities please go to Koniag Education Foundation at <https://koniageducation.org/find->



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New Website



We are excited to announce the launch of our new website! Check it out!
<https://www.woodyisland.com>



Cama'i Boxes

“Tangirnarmiut & Sugpiaq Language & Cultural Enhancement Project”

We are working with the Pacific Northwest Alutiiq Culture Camp to develop the contents of a Cama'i Box that will be sent to each Tribal Citizen with the hopes of beginning to connect those citizens that reside outside of our homelands to connect and build community. The content will include cultural thematic items covering connection, traditional foods, language, and culture, T-shirt, recipes cards in both English and Alutiiq, beading kit, kids coloring book/tattoos.

Virtual follow-up sessions will be scheduled that ties into the items in the box. More information to follow, tentative months listed below.

May 2024 TBD Virtual Session 1: What it means to be Sugpiaq

June 2024 TBD Virtual Session 2: Cooking Demo

July 2024 TBD Virtual Session 3: learn introductions in Sugt'stun

August 2024 TBD Virtual Session 4: Share how to construct the beaded item

Tribal Enrollment Cards

Tangirnaq Native Village is happy to announce that our new Tribal Enrollment Card printer is active! If you do not currently have a TNV Enrollment Card, please reach out so that we may print one for you!

Our next project is designing Tribal IDs. We are currently developing guidelines and instructions for TNV citizens who wish to receive a Tribal ID Card.

When the new cards are available, the guidelines and instructions will be provided, via mail and email, so please make sure that your information is up to date!

Tangirnaq Native Village Enrollment Card

Your Name Here
is an enrolled member of
Tangirnaq Native Village (aka
Woody Island Tribal)
Tribal Enrollment Number:
TNV0000-00
Date of Birth:
01/01/1901

Card Issued On: 03/12/2024

Tangirnaq Native Village (aka Woody Island)



This card certifies that the individual named on the reverse side is an enrolled member in the Tangirnaq Native Village (aka Woody Island), a federally recognized tribe.

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Please find the following forms on our website: www.woodyisland.com, or by reaching out to TNV by calling (907) 486-9872, or by emailing info@woodyisland.com.

TNV Enrollment Form - Name Change - Change of Address - Family Tree - Certificate of Indian Blood

A New Alutiiq Museum

The Alutiiq Museum is renovating to improve its services. The project will expand our facilities by 3400 ft² and make important updates. This will support community needs and provide a sustainable home for collections, exhibits, and programs.

Construction is underway and will continue through 2024. While the museum is being transformed our staff members continue to share Alutiiq heritage with pop-up events, new educational materials, off-site programs, and a store in the Downtown Marketplace.

Add Your Name to the Museum
Transforming the museum to support the next generation of programs and collections is a community effort, supported by many organizations and individuals who believe in the power of cultural education. Join our effort by making a pledge

to our capital campaign and add your name to the museum's entrance. All donors will be recognized by name in a display in our lobby. For assistance with a gift, please contact Djuna Davidson, 844-425-8844, x120.





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Debbie Lukin, Council Member
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