

Native Village of Afognak

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Afognak People's Newsletter

Chair Letter

Cama'i Tribal Members:

I hope this newsletter finds you well and able to enjoy your favorite summertime activities!

Staff and Council have been very busy since your last newsletter update. The last several months have been filled planning and coordinating the 2022 Dig Afognak Summer Youth Camp. These efforts involve all staff; fortunately they all feel that camp is a very special experience and worth the effort.

Staff members have made several trips for preparation and maintenance of camp facilities and are excited to be up and running for a full season of camps. KONIAG Camp will kick off our season June 24 - June 29; Harvesting Camp will be July 13 - July 18; Music & Language Camp will be July 22 - July 27, and our last camp is Shareholder Camp August 3 - August 8. The Shareholder Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 6 and we really hope to see you all out there as we celebrate our Afognak community!

On April 8th the annual auction fundraiser kicked off and the drive-thru dinner was held on April 13th. This year the auction was held online through Silent Auction Pro. We understand that many people enjoy and look forward to this in-person event, but Kodiak was still seeing a high rate of positive COVID-19 cases and we wanted to ensure the safety of our staff, community, and tribal members. The difficult decision to host the event online was the best option. In doing so, we were able to reach a larger community of donors and through their generosity we were able to collectively raise a total of \$15,962.00 to be used toward Dig Afognak. Staff is already planning for next year's in-person event and we are looking forward to seeing you all there. Thank you to those who volunteered, donated, and spread the word to make this another successful fundraiser!

Council members Jim Dunham and Loren Anderson attended the RES2022, Reservation Economic Summit. This conference provided participants with the opportunity to network, attend business development sessions and identify new business opportunities. Jim, along with Council member Ken Nelson serve on your Economic Development Committee and will utilize the information gathered and connections made while we diligently work toward tribal self-sufficiency.

The Economic Development Committee has also been working in partnership with Woody Island Tribe and Council on the formal leadership model of Mal'uk Farms. On June 21st, the group will meet again to discuss the leadership model going forward and our vision for Mal'uk Farm as we expand to large containerized growing systems to offer fresh, locally grown produce to our tribal members and Kodiak community.

On May 3rd the full Council met to begin discussions on prioritizing our ARPA funding allocation. NVA received a total of \$6.2M from the U.S. Treasury to ensure the necessary resources to replace lost revenue, support families and businesses struggling with health and economic impacts, maintain vital public services, and build equitable recovery that supports long term growth and opportunity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The NVA Tribal Council wishes to be thoughtful and meticulous in their approach to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members, community, and long-term goals and mission of our organization. We appreciate your patience and look forward to providing you with meaningful programs and services. Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our recent survey addressing some of these needs and concerns. For those who may have misplaced the survey but would still like to provide feedback, please reach out to staff for a copy of the survey.

As always, please feel free to reach out to Council members or staff with any comments or concerns you have for our Tribe. **Quyanaa, Meagan Christiansen, Chair**



Foster Families Needed

Native children all over the state are placed in the temporary care of the Alaska Office of Children's Services, many times with non-family members and someone they don't know.

Their parents can take up to a year to complete the court-ordered services that will allow the children to be returned home. While most children who enter foster-care returned to their birth parents sometimes it's a different story. It's been difficult finding native families willing to take care of children who are not their own. Native Village of Afognak Tribe, receives many cases where a child needs a happy, healthy, safe, and sober home.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent for native children and could be either short-term or long-term placement please give us a call.

907-486-6357 or email denise@afognak.org

Environmental Tips!



Fireplace Ashes—DID YOU KNOW?



Plant Food

Wood ashes have a high alkaline content and trace amounts of calcium and potassium, which encourage blooms. If your soil tends to be acidic, you can sprinkle ashes around alkaline-loving plants such as clematis lilac, and roses.

Do avoid using ashes on acid loving plants such as blueberries and azaleas.



Insect Repellant

You can scatter a border of ashes around your garden to deter slugs and snails—it sticks to their bodies and draws moisture out of them. You can also sprinkle a small amount of ashes over garden plants to manage infestations of soft-bodied insects.



Jewelry/Metal Polish

Add a little bit of water to make a paste and use it to clean your jewelry and to polish metal surfaces.

Eliminate Bad Odors

Fireplace ash can be used just like baking soda—put a bowl of ash anywhere stinky: In the bathroom, in the fridge and it will absorb the odor causing germs.

Be SAFE!

Wear eye protection, mask, and gloves when working with ash! PSSST, BUT it is much safer than chemicals!

2022 Tribal Council Election

Cama'i! I'm the son of Elizabeth "Liza" Nelson and William Anderson Sr. I reside in Anchorage with my wife Brooke and daughter Nuuyaa. I'm currently the Director of Shareholder Development at the Afognak Native Corporation where I've dedicated myself to improving the quality of life of tribal members, shareholders and descendants. Before I joined the staff at ANC I devoted 18 years of service to the Alaska Native Heritage Center where I played many different roles and held multiple responsibilities. I left my position as VP of Cultural and Educational Programs at ANHC in April, 2019.

I've served on the Afognak Tribal Council for over 9 years. I contribute to the council with my experience in program development, budget planning, and my many connections to cultural and professional Native organizations throughout Alaska. I earned my BA in Community and Rural Development from the University of Fairbanks. I helped create and direct the Sugpiaq dance group, *Imamsuat*.

Quyanaasinaq in advance for your vote!

I hope to continue to serve you in the coming years.



Dear Fellow Tribal Members,

I am once again requesting your support for a position on the Native Village of Afognak Tribal Council.

For those of you who may not know me, I am the daughter of the late Willis and Martha Nelson of Afognak and Port Lions.

These last couple of years have been challenging. As we emerge from the pandemic we are realizing that there is much work to be done to ensure our people not only have access to our culture as well as food security, Elder services, health services, and housing needs. The council is working to ensure these things are there for our people.

This summer the Dig Afognak Camp is back on! Our children are once again able to gather and learn about our Culture. Just recently, we received the Hydroponic container units so we will soon be producing vegetables for our members.

Like many, I realize that as native people we need to work together with other native entities to have a stronger voice when it comes to providing these services for the people.

I would like to say thank you to all our members who have been patient with us during the past couple of years as we worked our way through the trying times of the pandemic.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve on the council.

Thank you,
Loretta Nelson



ATTENTION !



The Native Village of Afognak is looking for the current addresses of:

Please call 907-486-6357 or email denise@afognak.org to update!

Aaron Thomas Vanderlip
 Aidyn Marie Tolliver
 Alexandra W. Leslie
 Althea Denise Halmsteiner
 Alyiah Mae Duncan
 Amber Lynn Winegarden
 Anne Laverne Pfeifer
 Barbara Faye Ackerman
 Caitlin Davis
 Carissa Dawn Chase
 Carla Lee Fletcher
 Carolyn Lee Morgan
 Catherine Lois Von Scheele
 Daniel Roy Ackerman
 Daniel Valley Sr.
 Daniel Wayne Valley
 David Patrick Valley
 David Wayne Bacusmo
 David William Schott
 Dawn May Blankenship
 Dorrie Lynn Wamser
 Ella Devon Clement
 Ellsworth Alfred Warner
 Frederick Lee Chouinard
 Gertrude Irene Odom
 Gilbert John Mathis
 Ginger Anne Murphey
 Gordan Charles McCormick

Heather Dawn Skinner
 Irene Dorothy Bogue
 Isabel Sargeant
 James A. Brisbane
 James Stanley Pearson
 Jerran Paul Nelson
 Jerzee Elizabeth Hall
 Jill Michelle Ware
 Jimmie Dean Killion
 Jodi Kay McDonald
 Jonathan Bruce Larsen
 Jordis Jill Spellman
 Julie Anne-Davidson
 Stoneking Radford
 Kai Thomas Vanderlip
 Kaleb Mcmillan Charters
 Kristy Devon Clement
 Kyle Mc Millan Charters
 Lila Priscilla Schott
 Lilly Lavonia Nelson
 Lucille Rae Dulin
 Madeline Mckenzie Bern
 Marie M. Rhodes
 Martin Ray Palmer
 Michael Eugene Barney
 Michelle Louise Novotny
 Mikaela Marie Rosario
 Myrtle Ann Kelley
 Nicholas James Bunch
 Niel Von Scheele
 Oliver Osborn Nelson
 Raymond Eugene Bern

Riley Jane Tolliver
 Robert David Stearns
 Roger Allen McCracken
 Roy Edward Skinner III
 Sage Gabriel Stearns
 Sophia Mae Pestrikoff
 Susan Ann Mathis
 Teddy Lou Von Scheele
 Theresa Jo Etheridge
 Thomas Gordon Mathis
 Valerie Kansas Benson
 Viola Louise Skinner
 Wayne Daniel Zampa
 William Ellis Hall
 William Todd Fearn



Update from Mal'uk Farms:

We continue to donate our produce to Tribal Members and Elders here in Kodiak. Our two indoor cabinets are currently producing 230 heads of lettuce per month which is distributed to 34 Elders and 66 households. The delivery of a 40 foot container to NVA next week will expand our hydroponic farm and provide more locally grown produce to the Kodiak Community. With the additional growing container we will drastically increase our harvest to approximately 2,030 heads of produce per month. Additionally, our local food hub will be open for placing orders later this summer. If you prefer to place your orders using this convenient tool, we encourage you to create an account on our website listed below.

[Qik'rtaq Foodhub | Alutiq Grown](#)

If you have any questions please contact:

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Announcements!

Native Village of Afognak will be closed the following dates:

- Friday August 12th, 2022 in observance of NVA Constitution Day

OLD AFOGNAK PHOTO

Do you know who this is? The first person to call us at **907-486-6357** with the correct name will win one of our new logo hoodies in the color/size of their choice!

Native Village of Afognak
Annual Meeting

September 24th, 2022



2022 DIG AFOGNAK CAMP DATES:

Koniag Camp:	June 24 - June 29
Harvesting/Survivor Camp:	July 13 - July 18
Music/Language Camp:	July 22 - July 27
Shareholder Camp:	August 3 - August 8
Afognak Shareholder Picnic:	August 6th at the Old Village



Grants applied for this quarter:

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Basic Library Grant was applied for in the amount of \$9,911.60. A successful award will support overall operations, activities, and enhancements at the Nadia Mullan Alutiq Heritage Library.

Alaska Children's Trust (ACT) Tier I was applied for in the amount of \$9,571.00. A successful award will support a variety of family activities that will provide opportunities for local families to participate in primary prevention activities throughout the year that support healthy family relationships, build social connections throughout the community, and learn positive and creative ways to interact as families and peers.

Denali Commission Program Grant was applied for in the amount of \$117,122.00. A successful award will provide the necessary resources to conduct a feasibility study, financial assessment, and development of a solid business plan for Mal'uk Farms.

In addition to grant writing and management, I have assisted 22 Tribal members in the Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program. At present, NVA has awarded approximately \$11,000.00 in rental and mortgage assistance to enrolled members. Enrolled members are eligible to receive up to \$500 to assist in rent or mortgage payments. Applications will be accepted until funds are expended. If you have not already applied, misplaced your initial application, or did not receive one, please contact me at manager@afognak.org or call the office during regular business hours to request an application.

On April 8th a Membership Survey was mailed to members 18 years of age and older. Thirty-nine (39) completed surveys were returned. Thank you to those that participated in the survey. Your feedback is important, and the information collected will be used to assist us in improving and prioritizing current and future programming.

Quyanaa,
Yvonne Mullan

