

Native Village of Barrow Newsletter

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From the Desk of the President/Executive Director

As the Executive Director/President of the Native Village of Barrow (NVB) I am involved with many aspects of the operation of NVB.

I attend many meetings with the various local entities in the community that pertain to our Tribal membership.

These meetings in one way or another involve how to continue to perpetuate, sustain, maintain, and protect our subsistence, and traditional and cultural lifestyle. I was taught by my ancestors and parents that we must work together which is the mandate that I have given my staff and advice to our various local community entities.

We as Inupiat need to work together as one. Our ancestors in the past took care of one another in time of need, and as a whole. We need to be as ONE to help one another.

There are a lot of issues we can solve if we all work together. If the various entities in our community

would work collaboratively and cooperatively with one another we would be able to provide better services that would benefit the membership of the Tribe. In many cases there are duplicative services being provided.

August of 2009 Native Village of Barrow hosted the Alaska Territorial Guard discharge ceremony at the Barrow High School Auditorium. We are honored to recognize the elders that did their service to their country and state during World War II.

We had a Memorandum of Understanding between the North Slope Borough, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation, Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, Native Village of Barrow and the Department of the Interior and the United States Fish & Wildlife Service. The agreement was to open the 2009 Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest on the North Slope and to

conserve Steller's eiders and other migratory birds. With the MOU signed there were no incidents or takes of the endangered species of stellar eiders for the 2009 Waterfowl Hunting season. I would like to express my appreciation to the staff here at the NVB, and say a big thank you to each of you. I look forward to each department to provide the services that they administer to the tribal membership, and hopefully there can be increases and expansion in various departments as more opportunities and resources become available.

All in all, we here at the NVB have had a good year this past year, and we look forward to another prosperous productive new year.

Quyanaqpak & May God Bless You All,

Thomas Olemaun Executive Director/ President

MISSION STATEMENT: To protect and promote Inupiat Rights, Self-Determination and Self-Sufficiency; as well as preserve and strengthen Inupiat Culture/Traditions for Tribal Members by providing quality services in a fair and accountable manner.

Native Village of Barrow Staff



"2009 Native Village of Barrow Picnic. Picture above Merrill Nashoalook, Bernice and Marjorie Nashoalook, Earl Nashoalook and Fenton Burke. Middle Picture Maya Igtanloc, Dora Arey and Joe Koganaluk. Bottom picture Edwin Solomon and Lawrence Kaleak."



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RESPECT
Utuqqanaanun
ELDERS
Allanun
OTHERS
Iouuniabvigmun
NATURE
Ieagiigoiq
FAMILY KINSHIP &
ROLES
Sigoataiooiq
SHARING
Ioupiuraallaniq
KNOWLEDGE OF
LANGUAGE
Paammaabiiwoiq
COOPERATION
Piqpakkutiqabniq
LOVE & RESPECT
FOR ONE ANOTHER
Quvianbuniq
HUMOR
Awuniabniq
HUNTING
TRADITIONS
Naglikkutiqabniq
COMPASSION
Qiouiooiq
HUMILITY
Paaqdaktautaiooiq
AVOIDANCE OF
CONFLICT
Iikniqoutiqabniq

Tribal Operations Department



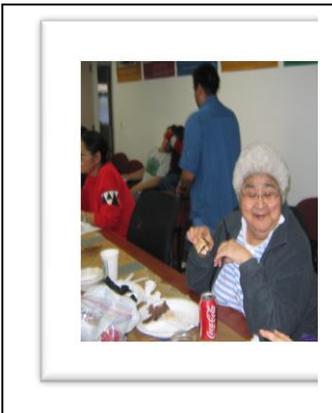
"2009 Native Village of Barrow Employee/Family Niqipiaq Day."

Tribal Operations Department handles all tribal council matters and tribal enrollment within the Native Village of Barrow. Currently, the enrollment membership base roll has a total amount of: 3,315.

Native Village of Barrow enrolled members may visit our office to obtain a tribal ID card. The first issued has no cost; however, there is a duplicate fee of \$15.00 in the event it is lost or stolen. And for security purposes (such as identity theft), we do not display social security numbers on the membership cards.

If you need to enroll yourself and/or your children, there is an enrollment process. First of all, you need to complete an enrollment application and submit along with copies of the following: birth certificate, social security card, and/or ASRC card. Secondly, the new enrollee names are added to the enrollment resolution to be presented at the next scheduled monthly tribal council meeting for approval or disapproval. Upon approval, the new enrollees are notified in writing, a certificate is sent in the mail. Or you can view our website for an application at nvb-nsn.gov or www.nvbarrow.com

Tribal Council Regular Meetings are scheduled on the 3rd Monday of every month. All membership is encouraged to attend.



NAHASDA

The NVB NAHASDA/Housing department provides aid to families and individuals seeking affordable homes in a safe, sanitary and healthy environment. In particular, assisting responsible deserving citizens who cannot provide fully for themselves because of temporary circumstances or factors beyond their control.

Providing affordable homes in safe and healthy environments is an essential element in helping NVB tribal members to improve their housing conditions and socioeconomic status.

Through the federal government, the NAHASDA program is able to provide assistance to our tribal members for New Construction (NC) houses, Renovations (REN) to existing homes and Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to existing homes.

To date, the NAHASDA program has provided assistance 13 New Construction homes to tribal members, 15 major Renovations to existing tribal members' homes, and numerous Emergency Repairs (ERP) to homes needing immediate repairs.

We have 20 new construction homes waiting to be built for our tribal members, as well as 7 major renovations to existing homes.

Applications can be picked up at the Native Village of Barrow main office building at 6970 Ahmaogak St.



Grants

For 2009, the Native Village of Barrow has the following grants and contracts:

Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant for Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), this provides funding to develop a plan that will address the economic development under the Native Village of Barrow. \$48,963
 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant for Tribal Victims Assistance (TVA), this is a pass-through grant to the Arctic Women in Crisis Shelter to employ counselors. \$150,000
 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP), this grant is to employ a tribal court clerk and to

Office of Violence against Women (OVW), Grants to Indian Tribal Governments (GITG), this provides funding for a housing advocate and it provides funding for women who are leaving the AWIC shelter to apply for housing assistance. \$449,014
 Office of Violence against Women (OVW), Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Recovery (GITG) (R), funds available to women who are leaving Arctic Women in Crisis in which they can apply for education and childcare. \$447,488
 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP), these funds are used to employ an Environmental Department Manager, and to develop

American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP) to address environmental impacts from former DOD activities. \$339,399
 US Fish and Wildlife Grant, these funds are to employ wildlife technicians and interns. \$200,000
 US Fish and Wildlife Contract, these funds are to employ a project manager for endangered species. \$96,216
 Administration on Aging (AoA), provides pass-through funds to the North Slope Borough Health Department to provide meals-on-wheels and to provide funding to employ the senior homemaker. \$142,976
 North Slope Borough Homemakers Grant, to provide funding for the homemaker positions to provide support services

to the elderly. \$165,000
 Other departmental grants that are awarded and will be reported on by their departments include the following:
 Housing: Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement and Indian Housing Block Grant.
 Workforce: Childcare Development Block Grant (CCDBG), and Childcare Development Fund (CDF).

Below is Grant Writer/Project Specialist Cynthia Toop and Social Service Director Marie Ahoak

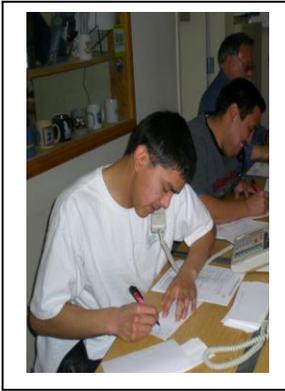
Alaska Territorial Guard: 2009 Recognized Veterans



“General Victor Renuart (Air force) Alaska Territorial Guard. Wesley Aiken, Warren Matumeak.”



Tribal Court Guide



*“KBRW Drive to Thrive
NVB Staff/Council
Member George Olemaun,
Executive Director Thomas
Olemaun
NAHASDA Staff Chester
Tuniq Toovak answering
phones.”*



*“Native Village of
Barrow Halloween
Dress up. Billy Kenton.”*

A guide to any individual who has the occasion to appear in Tribal Court in connection with a Civil (any non-criminal) matter with Tribal Children’s Court and Juvenile Justice system.

The Native Village of Barrow Tribal Court was established in 2001. It exists to serve the legal needs of the members of the Native Village of Barrow community and particularly tribal members. In that sense it shares a common purpose with other Tribal Courts throughout Indian Country and the State of Alaska. The Courts are as varied as the Tribes themselves and range from traditional based systems with little or no written rules or codes to systems that mirror Courts in the Federal and State systems (that is, Courts with a formulized, rule-based, adversary system). It should also be noted

that the scope of this article is limited and will address only the most common situations. Each case has its own set of facts which may alter the outcome of that particular situation. While it may raise as many questions as it answers, serve as a useful tool for those parties who, either by choice or necessity appears in Tribal Court without benefit of an attorney.

Where do I Start? The Clerk’s office is usually the first stop in any civil proceeding and is the source of various forms that may be required to begin a civil proceeding. There are two types of services, the Voluntary services for Cultural Adoption, Both Tiguaq and Inuuguuq and Guardianship, where both parents agree; the other service is Involuntary where the Native Village of Barrow Social Services

applies for Child in Need of Aid for a report of harm and State of Alaska transfer cases. The Clerk is prohibited from providing legal advice. While the Clerk can explain the nature of various forms, the parties must complete the forms on their own without the assistance of the Clerk. The Native Village of Barrow Tribal Court is able to hear Child Abuse Cases and Juvenile Cases. In the case of complaints which alleges abuse, the court may enter a Temporary Custody Order concerning the care and custody of any minor child (ren) residing in the household. Tribal Court exists for the benefit of Tribal members, not for the benefit of Judges or lawyers. Tribal Courts can provide efficient, inexpensive solutions to the problems of Tribal membership children and their



*“2008 Drive to thrive.
Lula Falleaf, Flossie
Mongoyak, Daisy
Peters, Lena Varner,
Carry Kittick and Annie
Oyagak”*

Environment

This year for the Environmental project season NALEMP (Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program), we began working on the ravine site on July 6, 2009 cleaning up drums and debris out and deposit back in a regulated new land fill site. We have worked industriously and safely with a small group of skilled laborers totaling six people. We have removed over 4000 drums and debris totaling around 40,000 pounds ever since this season. We have one more season to finalize the project and close it indefinitely along with hopes that it regenerates back to its pristine phase as it first use to be, clean and beautiful.

QIQU is the Inupiaq name given for a ravine past the (Attutiggurag) gravel pit area known for its muddy like clay. It is located approximately (1.5) one and a half miles southwest of Barrow on the shoreline of the Chukchi Sea. The area or land around the ravine was initially designated for supporting the explorations of the NPRA No. 4 (Keres, 2003) where drums from

multiple sources around the Barrow area were collected and then crushed and disposed at the site during a drum and debris collection program performed by the DOD (Department of Defense); therefore, given its nickname commonly known as the "Valley of 10,000 drums and debris" It was and still is a hazardous place because since its fill up, subsistence hunters on snow machines during the winter months would wound up near the area and incidentally strike any jagged metal that could be protruding out from the ravine or under the snow where it seemed clear but actually not.

Having a certificate for a forty hour (40) HAZWOPER course should make any tribal member of Barrow eligible to seek employment for next season if there is availability during the project period along with other requirements, as it is required by the Department of Defense and the Federal Government for that reason it is through

them we acquire the funding to do the work.

The soil in the ravine and surrounding area is very much declared contaminant free according to the environmental consulting agency we contract to do soil test sampling but there is still one more year to definitely conclude its report findings. PCB's were showing very extremely low levels well below the typical values found in undisturbed soils explaining that it is really good news. Similar results were found in other hydrocarbons (gasoline, diesel, etc.) where all those concentrations were all either non-detects or very small hits well below ADEC clean-up levels.

I hope you have gained some insight to the ravine site QIQU where all the drums and debris were stored and soon to be cleaned out and restored to its original place. Quyanaq.

"Native Village of Barrow Environmental Project. Cleaning up the Valley of 10,000 drums and debris."



Wildlife

The rich wildlife resources inhabiting the ocean, beaches, and tundra habitats surrounding Barrow are of critical importance to the traditional Inupiat subsistence way of life and the employees of N.V.B. Wildlife Department. The wildlife populations found in the area include whales, caribou, walrus, waterfowl, seals, and polar bears which we help monitor and regulate

all subsistence and non subsistence related hunting activities. Our department issues hunting and fishing permits, provides tags for walrus and polar bears, help provide food for the food bank, and help address any concerns regarding wildlife. Our goal is to increase the capacity of the wildlife department to insure the safety of the subsistence way of life. We will be working to

provide young hunter training and outreach to the community to provide the assurance of the subsistence lifestyle.

"Caribou outside of Native Village of Barrow in 2004."



Realty Department

The Realty Department deals with the following areas:

- Barrow Town site Restricted Trustee Lands
- BLM: Native Allotment Lands

The following issues are directly related to the above Realty Land issues: Probated or not

- Probates: on deceased Land owners or Heirs of Land owners
- Pending Probates: on deceased Land owners or Heirs of Land owners
- Notice of Hearings on Estates of deceased owners
- WILLS-existing WILLS
- Lease Agreements: on Restricted Lands and UN Restricted Lands
- Revocable Use Permits: on Native Allotments and Restricted Trustee parcels
- IMM Accounts: revenues received on behalf of Land owners or Heirs of Land owners\
- Trespass Issues
- Negotiated Sales
- Right of ways
- Gift Deeds

If you own either Barrow Town site Restricted Trustee Lands and/or BLM: Native Allotment within the Barrow Region and have questions contact our office at (907) 852-4411 or toll free 1(866)478-4414 and ask for the Realty Department.

Work directly with the following offices:

BIA Probate Hearing Office @ Anchorage, Alaska: Probate Hearings: Judge
 BIA Probate Hearing Division @ Anchorage, Alaska: Probate Hearing-correction request-
 Bureau of Land Management @ Anchorage, Alaska: Native Allotments
 BIA Alaska Title Services Center @ Anchorage, Alaska: Probate Final: Decision
 BIA Realty-Fairbanks Agency @ Fairbanks, Alaska: Probate/Wills for Northern Region-Lesley DeWilde
 IIM Fiduciary Trust Officer @

with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Once the road is constructed the NSB agrees to maintain the public road infrastructure.

Anchorage, Alaska: IIM Accounts-
 Glenda Miller
 Churches: Presbyterian Church, etc.
 Funeral Services copy for Probate of Deceased
 Family Members of Land owners: Fill out OHA-7 form to start listing Heirs of Deceased

Beautiful Swan across street
 from Native Village of Barrow

2009



Lottie Ahkivgak is our Sr. Homemaker. Together she and I compile the NSB homemaker grant reports. Cynthia Toop is working on getting more benefits for the Sr. Homemaker and the 4 homemakers who clean elder's homes. Starting in December of 2009 the workers have become full time employees and now receive benefits like holiday pay and annual leave. The Elder Caregiver services were on vacation during the Christmas Holiday. They are back from vacation and are cleaning elder's homes again.

Social Service Department

Happy New Year wishes to all. We are already half way through the first month of this year. And we seem to have a lot of turn over in our staff in the Social Services Department.

For child protection for now we have Louisa Riley and Edith Kaleak handling all the Tribal and State cases for NVB. When we get reports of harm to children; they do the investigations. The out comes are substantiated or not. When they are substantiated parents are warned, referred or in the worst case children are taken into tribal custody. But we can only pay for foster care if the child is eligible for NVB welfare assistant grant.

If they do not qualify we must ask the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services to take over the case. When this occurs, social services intervene in the State case. When Children are taken into custody out of Barrow Social Services intervenes in those cases.

Augustine (Auggie) Kignak runs the Welfare Assistance Grant. This is for General Assistance and for Foster Care payments. She is also a fee agent for the State of Alaska. The monies she makes from being a fee agent is put into the food bank account. She also runs the Food Bank. It is a once a month help. There is an income level to be qualified for the food bank.

Seattle Recruiting has provided the following information for free ad placement. These ads may be provided to your local community membership organizations newsletters (including e-newsletters) such as churches, schools, sports clubs, and senior organizations.

Please send me your list of ad placement opportunities BEFORE you make such arrangements. Take a job that counts – Work for the US Census Bureau! The US Census Bureau is now recruiting in your neighborhood for the 2010 Census. We offer flexible hours and paid training to learn the skills you need to complete assignments. Pay starts at \$25.00 per hour. Call 1-866-861-2010 for more information and to sign up for a 30-minute basic skills test. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply. **US Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

“Left picture 2006 NVB picnic, Susie Vargas, Nelda Nungasak and Nellie O’Neill.

Right picture, King of the Grill, Thomas Olemaun.



Workforce Department

- Higher Education
 - o Scholarships

Higher Education Grant Program is for eligible students who are enrolled in NVB. This supplemental program is to improve the opportunities for the Native Village of Barrow Tribal members. This program enables students to receive the maximum offering of educational services, allowing for coordination of programs which reflects the growing number of students completing their education. The scholarship deadlines are: May 15th, August 15th, and December 15th.
 - o Job Placement/Adult Vocational Training

The Adult Vocational Training Program is to financially assist eligible members of NVB who have enrolled and plan to attend an accredited or certified vocational/technical or trade school who can demonstrate financial need. There is no deadline for JPTA/AVT applications.
- Child Care Assistance
 - o The Native Village of Barrow provides Childcare Assistance to children who’s parent(s) are engaged in eligible activities, which are work search, employment, education, and training.
- Johnson O’Malley
 - o The JOM program assists all Barrow schools to determine, assess, and address the culturally-relevant academic needs of the American Indian/ Alaska Native student population.

If you have any questions regarding the Workforce Development Department, please call 907-852-4411 ext. 221 or 204.

IRR Indian Reservation Roads Program

The Indian Reservation Roads Program is a part of the Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP) which was established to address transportation needs of tribes. The program is jointly administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Federal Lands highway (FLH) Office. Transportation activities availabilities are expanded to tribes and tribal organizations, and it provides guidance for planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining transportation facilities. It also establishes a funding distribution methodology called the Tribal Transportation Allocation Methodology (TTAM).

What is the purpose of the IRR Program? The purpose of the program is to provide safe and adequate transportation and public road access to and within tribal lands, and communities for tribal members, visitors, recreational users, resource users, and others while at the same time providing economic development; self determination, and employment of tribal members on projects that are selected and approved for construction.

Under this IRR Program the Native Village of Barrow has prioritized a new access road to NARL and has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with

Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (UIC), and the North Slope Borough (NSB), for the construction of the Uivaqsaagiaq Road (also referred to as the Arctic Research Center Road). This new access road is located between the former Naval Arctic Research Laboratory (NARL) and the community of Barrow.

The reason for the construction of this new access road is due to the fact that the current access route which is Stevenson Street has become vulnerable to damage and destruction from possible severe ocean storm surges. If and when this occurs access to NARL is hampered or cut-off all together which leaves the facilities and residents of NARL at risk. Also, access to Pigniq a traditional land use sight by the residents of Barrow, which is land northeast of NARL, would be cut off also. The vital community utility infrastructure, including electrical and natural gas distribution lines follow along the beach road to NARL and could also become vulnerable to damage or destruction from storm surges, is this were to occur it would effect the entire community of Barrow.

The NSB's role in the MOU is to fund the development of the Design Study Report (DSR) and the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the new access

UIC's role is to give technical support through its subsidiary entity BTSPS, Richard Reich and Bud Goodyear who are certified Engineers with the firm. This support would be to provide assistance to NVB as may be required to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on securing supplemental project funding under the IRR Program

UIC will also support the roadway project and will contribute additional lands for alternative right-of-way, if required.

The Status of the Uivaqsaagiaq Road is that the NSB is till negotiating with the federal government on the Environmental Assessment and Design Study. BTSPS is still working on the reroute of the access road. The NVB continues to communicate with all entities involved.

"2009 Native Village of Barrow Picnic. Family & Friends."



"Robin Mongoyak, Eva Leavitt and Boys Trevor and Evin Mongoyak."



"Vera Olemaun, Marylou Leavitt, Loretta Kenton, Sherry Hopsen and Julieanna Williams."



"Joseph Sage with his baby and Grandmother Priscilla Sage."

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