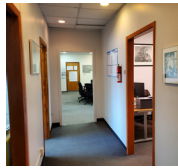


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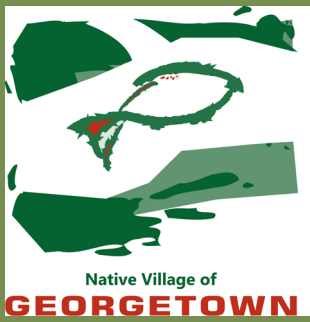


Spring has arrived. Well, almost. We hope that everyone has a mild breakup season so we can smoothly transition into summer. While we wait for summer to arrive, here are some of the new things happening at our office.

In the last newsletter, we mentioned that we were looking to move to a new location but the opportunity to expand our current office space into the next suite giving us double the space and room to set up a conference table.

We have a new Tribal Liaison/Environmental Assistant, Fredrika Prince. Fredrika will be helping with processing the applications for the assistance programs.

By now you should have received a letter announcing the new assistance programs. If not, you can find a summary of the programs in this newsletter (see the inside page). The updates section on our website (www.georgetowntc.com) also provides information on the available programs and links to the online application. Contact the office if you need an application mailed to you. Lastly, remember to send in copies of your bill after your apply. Email them to info@georgetowntc.com or send them by mail. If you have any questions about the programs or how to apply, contact our office.



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Announcements

New Assistance Programs

We have added four new assistance programs for Georgetown Members. These programs are based on household and not individual members. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office at (907) 274-2195 or info@georgetowntc.com.

2022 Utility Assistance Program

The 2022 Utility Assistance Program is open until the end of the year. Members can be awarded a household limit of \$500 per month for up to four months per year, with a maximum of \$2000 for the year. Fill out the application and submit copies of your monthly utility bills for approval. Payment will be made to utility companies, but reimbursement can be issued for payments made from January to April. Link to application.

The 2021 Utility Assistance Program is still available to member households that have not applied.

Off-Grid Assistance Program

The 2022 Off-grid Assistance Program is also open until the end of the year. This program is for those who live in remote areas without access to utility companies and would not qualify under the 2022 Utility Assistance Program. The maximum awarded amount is \$2000 to be applied as a credit to fuel supplies in the member's account or reimbursed for purchases made.

The 2021 Off-grid Assistance Program is also available. Fill out the application and submit your 2021 receipt(s) for up to \$800 reimbursement.

Housing Assistance Program

Housing Assistance Program applications are also available. Fill out the application and you can be awarded up to \$600 on rental assistance or \$600 on mortgage assistance to be paid to the landlord or mortgage company.

Council Meetings

Georgetown Tribal Council March 26, 2022 Quarterly Meeting

The Georgetown Tribal Council, the governing body of the Native Village of Georgetown, met Saturday March 26, 2022, for its quarterly meeting. Council Members that attended the meeting in person were David Kutch, Valerie Dudley, and Stacy Turner. Council members Traci Maczynski and Gary Fredericks attended by phone. Tribal Member Jeff Venes attended the meeting in person.

There were no people to be heard.

During the meeting the Council:

- Amended the agenda to include an enrollment app, and executive session, Resolution 22-03, and to split the Georgetown gathering and the Annual meeting into two separate items. Amended agenda approved.
- Approved the minutes from the December 3rd, 2021, meeting with one correction.
- There was to be a presentation on section 17 corporations, but the presenter was not on the tele-conference.
- Jonathan Samuelson gave an update on the Kuskokwim River Intertribal Fish Commission (KRITFC) about last year's salmon harvest, and KRITFC goals for the 2022 fishing season.
- Reviewed administrative reports from the Tribal Administrator and other staff members.
- Reviewed the financial reports.
- Heard updates from the Environmental Committee, Land Committee, Enrollment Committee, Policy Committee, Pre-Audit Committee, and Community Building Committee.
- Received an update on the progress of the vocational training program and gave suggestions of places to reach out to.
- Received and update on the active assistance programs.
- Reviewed the planned 2022 utility assistance program and set it at \$500 per month for up to four months out of the year for a maximum amount of \$2000 for 2022.
- Reviewed the planned off-grid assistance program that would be available to members that are not served by any utility companies. 2021 assistance will be a reimbursement of up to \$800, while 2022 will be a credit of up to fuel providers for members that qualify for the program.

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- Reviewed the planned housing assistance program that will provide one-time assistance of \$600 to be paid to the member’s landlord for rent or to the mortgage company.
- Approved the three applications for enrollment.
- Approved drafting a letter of support for the AVCP GAP program.
- Heard a brief update on the Brackeen Amicus Brief, an ICWA case taken up by the Supreme Court. The outcome of the case could have effects beyond ICWA.
- Heard an update from the planning team for the Georgetown Gathering to be held in Georgetown. Details are still being worked out and an announcement will be made one they are finalized.
- Set the date and location for the 2022 Annual Meeting to August 27, 2022, in Bethel. Location, time, and agenda to be announced in the coming months.
- Set the date for the next quarterly meeting to June 25th, 2022.

Motions

Motion for the members to get up to \$500 per month for up to four months per year with the 2022 Utility Assistance program. Discussion: make max amount \$2000 per year.

Motion to give members \$2000 for 2022 off-grid assistance. Friendly motion to change from member to household.

Motion to offer \$800 for 2021 off-grid applications per household.

Motion to approve applications for T. Evans, and H. Wheeler

Motion to approve the application for R. St. Louis

Motion to approve Resolution 22-01

Motion to approve Resolution 22-02

Motion to approve the letter of support for the AVCP GAP program

Motion to approve Ordinance 22-01

Motion to send Ordinance 22-02 to the Pre-Audit committee for review and comment

Motion to approve Housing assistance policy program with amended amounts (\$600 for both rent and mortgage)

Motion to set the next quarterly meeting to June 25th, 2022

Motion to adjourn

Announcements Continued

Kuskokwim River Intertribal Fisheries Commission Update

Jonathan Samuelson, the Native Village of Georgetown Commissioner and Vice-Chair of the Kuskokwim River Intertribal Fisheries Commission (KRITFC), provided an update at the March Council meeting.

For the 2021 season, an estimated total of 49,440 salmon were harvested. Most of the harvest was sock-eye salmon (23,600), followed by Chinook salmon (21,630), and chum salmon (4,220). This is well below the 88,000-chinook needed to meet subsistence needs in the Kuskokwim. The average size of Chinook salmon returning to the Kuskokwim has decreased from around 33 pounds per fish to 11 pounds per fish, compounding the crisis.

For more details, see the Fish Commission's report at: <https://bit.ly/Kuskofish2021>. Reach out to Jonathan with your questions, concerns and suggestions.

Annual Meeting

The Georgetown Tribal Council has set the 2022 Annual meeting to be held on August 27th, 2022 in Bethel. Detail about the time and location will be announced once they have been set. After two years of Zoom meetings, it will be good to meet with members in person.

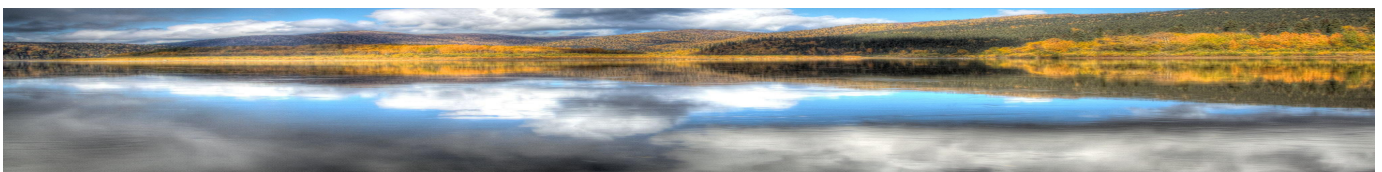
Committee Members Needed

The Land Committee is looking to fill two positions. If you would be interested in serving on the committee, contact Buddy Kutch at david.kutch@georgetowntc.com or contact our office and we will pass on the information.

The Environmental Committee is still looking for someone to fill the vacant youth member position on the committee. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested, contact the Environmental Coordinator, Barbara Johnson at barbara.johnson@georgetowntc.com.

Georgetown Gathering

The Environmental Department is in the early planning stages of an event in Georgetown this summer. We will post more information about it on our website and Facebook page when the details are available.



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Resolutions and Ordinances

- 22-01 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND 2024 APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GAP) -passed
- 22-02 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT COMMUNITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - passed
- 22-03 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART COOPERATIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PHASE I GRANT - passed
- Approved Ordinance 22-01 ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN. As per current policy, the ordinance will be posted on the website for public comment.
- Reviewed Ordinance 22-02 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN AUDIT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS. Sent the ordinance to the Pre-Audit Committee for review and comment.

Call Georgetown Tribal Council: 907-274-2195 or toll-free 1-888-274-2195

More Updates

Tribes and Corporations

The long and complicated history of Alaska Natives is a story for another day. When most of us see the line “tribe”, quite a few people put down the corporation and vice versa with the corporation.

Our Native Corporations are the most visible, only maybe after the Native Health care facilities. A Native corporation is a business that is regulated by Alaska law. The lands of the Corporation are regulated by the state of Alaska. An Alaska Native Corporation has shareholders, the company has an obligation to make a profit on behalf of the shareholders.

A Tribe is a government, that works for the members of that tribe. The lands of the tribe are the tribes; however, the status of the land can get complicated quickly. The tribe fulfills the duties any government has. Georgetown is in a special category

REAL ID Update

The deadline has been extended to May 3rd, 2023. After that date you must have a REAL ID compliant driver’s license, state ID card, or other approved federal ID, such as a passport or Military ID card, to board domestic flights and access some federal facilities. If you have a Commercial Driver’s License, you will be required to upgrade to the REAL ID license when you renew.

For more information about REAL ID and how to upgrade your driver’s license or state ID card, go to the State of Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles website (doa.alaska.gov/dmv/akol).





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Upcoming Events



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April

17 Easter

18 Tax Day

May

8 Mother's Day

30 Memorial Day (office closed)

June

19 Father's Day/Juneteenth

25 Quarterly Council Meeting

July

4 Independence Day (office closed)