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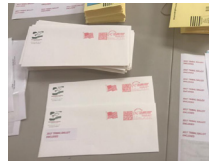
Connecting generations of Georgetown tribal members to the roots of their traditional community. Summer 2020



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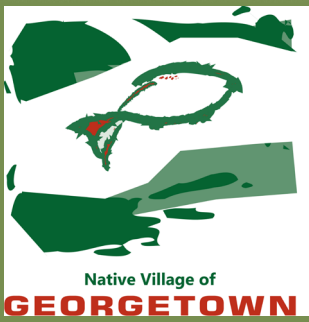
Summer is finally upon us. The days have grown longer, the mosquitoes are out in swarms, and many of us have fishing on our minds. After the time spent in shutdown status due to the corona virus outbreak this past spring, it is great to be outside doing your favorite summer activities.

We hope everyone's summer is going well regardless of all the complications due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are already halfway through the year and it doesn't look it will be over anytime soon. Make sure to keep following the guidelines for social distancing, wear a mask for when social distancing may be difficult, hand washing and cleaning, and to stay home when sick. With the number of cases in the state increasing, taking extra measures can help prevent the spread of the disease.

The pandemic has created challenges for meetings and group events for everyone and organizations have had to decide whether to cancel their event or to try and host it as a virtual event using the internet and teleconference. Calista Corporation and The Kuskokwim Corporation have moved their annual meeting to a virtual event and AVCP has announced that they will be holding their annual event by teleconference. After much discussion, our council has decided to follow suit and hold this year's annual meeting as a virtual event as well as an alternative to canceling it altogether. There is more on the annual meeting in the updates section and will send out more information on how it will work as we get all the details worked out.

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**Tribal Administrator**

**Environmental Coordinator**  
Sam Bundy

**Program Director**  
Eric V. Dietrich

# Updates

## Tribal Administrator Position

We are currently searching for qualified, motivated individuals to fill our Tribal Administrator position. If you are interested in applying for the position, send your resume and a cover letter to info@georgetowntc.com or apply online on indeed.com. For more information about the position, visit our website or our Facebook page to see the job description.

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## Annual Meeting

The 2020 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 12. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the location has yet to be determined and there have been discussions of a teleconference/virtual meeting. If you have any suggestions, we'd like to hear them.

## Upcoming Council seats

There are 2 council member seats (B & C) up for reelection at this year's annual meeting. Each seat is a 3-year term and requires a commitment to attend multiple teleconferences and in-person meetings throughout the year. Each NVG tribal member 18 years of age is eligible to run for a seat on the council.

Nomination packets will be coming to a mailbox near you in the next few weeks!

If you'd like more information on roles and responsibilities, please contact one of the council members or our office.

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*"Our family bloodline has been in the area for generations and serving on the NVG Council over the years has given me a connection to my ancestors. Our original members the vision and foresight to establish our tribal membership as a federally recognized tribe. I believe it is on my generation to carry on that valued history and vision into the future." – Current council member*

# Updates

## **Council Meetings**

It has been brought to attention that some members are unsure of any regular ongoing is within the office or tribal Council. We want to make sure that all NVG tribal members are welcomed and encouraged to attend all and every meeting. There are monthly meetings (usually telephonically) and quarterly (usually in person) meetings taking place throughout the year. As elected council members, we are here to serve the entire member body as a whole. You as a tribal member, have every right to question us as representatives and we encourage you all to get involved in any form or fashion. Please contact any of the council members or the office for more information regarding meetings.

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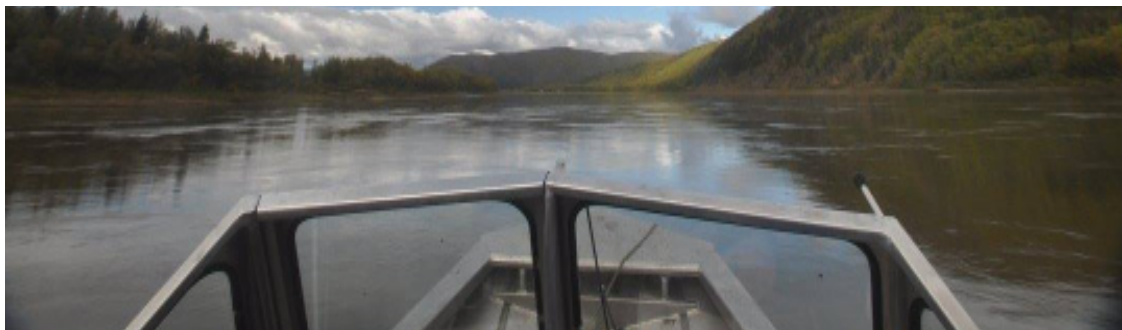
## **CARES Funding**

As a federally recognized tribe, the Native Village of Georgetown is eligible and has received federal funds. We are currently working to ensure that we legally distribute it equally to all tribal members. At the moment, we are exploring all options and will have more information for members on our Facebook page and will mail out any updates or decisions as things proceed. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how to help each and every tribal member alike, we would like to hear from you.

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## **Community Building Update**

Phase 2 was to be completed this summer and hoped to include interior plumbing, electrical, drywall, and exterior siding. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, we chose to error on the side of caution and postpone any progress. We are currently working on plans for resuming phase 2 later this summer and next summer. You can find phrase 1 photos on our Facebook page.



# Environmental

## State of the Environmental Dept.

### Looking Ahead



Hello Dear Readers,

Without a doubt, these past few months have been turbulent. However, in spite of the challenges that have arisen in the wake of the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, your environmental department is still keeping a vigilant eye on climate change and how it will impact the Middle Kuskokwim region.

Earlier this year your environmental department completed the Middle Kuskokwim Climate Adaptation Planning project. This project was a collaboration between villages of the Middle Kuskokwim region designed to inform Tribal leadership and increase awareness of climate-

related impacts that are going to affect and disrupt the environment and traditional food sources of the Middle Kuskokwim in the coming decades. This project also advocated for proactive monitoring of the river's ecology to address environmental disruption before it occurs. We also introduced Tribal leaders to organizations and resources that may be able to provide additional funding or technical assistance to mitigate future climate impacts and addressing legislative issues. You will be able to find the complete publication of the Middle Kuskokwim Climate Adaptation Planning on Georgetown's website.

In the meantime, your environmental department has been working to complete and maintain two existing programs: Georgetown's Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) project and Georgetown's water quality program. These two programs aim to; preserve the cultural history of a subsistence lifestyle and to preserve the future of current subsistence practices by monitoring the ecosystem of the Middle Kuskokwim. In the coming months, I will be devoting my resources to revitalizing these two programs. I will work to ensure that the groundwork is laid to develop a quality TEK document that accurately preserves the knowledge of the Elders interviewed, and to enhance the data collection of the water quality program to provide a better understanding of how the Kuskokwim River is changing under the influence of a disrupted climate pattern.

Sam Bundy,  
Environmental Coordinator  
Native Village of Georgetown

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# 2020 Graduates

## Graduation Shout-Outs

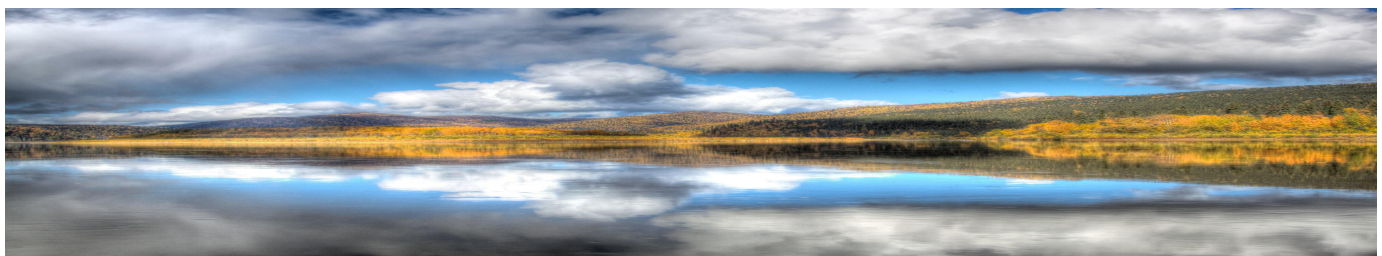
Congratulations to NVG members Gabrielle Fredericks & Jarvis Evans on their graduation from Bethel Regional High School. Both of you have been model student-athletes and are going to be great Warrior Alumni. The upcoming adventures will have its ups and downs, but remember who you are and where you come from. We have no doubt you both will do great things. Warrior Pride!



Gabrielle Fredericks



Jarvis Evans



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Lastly, Ozzy, who was the Tribal Administrator, has moved on and the council is in the process of finding a replacement for that position. If you, or someone you know, are interested in the position, visit our website or Facebook page to see how to apply. There is also a council seat that needs to be filled. If you would be interested in serving on the council, contact our Chairperson, Traci Maczynski, by email at [traci.maczynski@georgetowntc.com](mailto:traci.maczynski@georgetowntc.com).

Have a great summer and take care.

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## DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400°. Grease a baking sheet with cooking spray. Remove stems from mushrooms and roughly chop stems. Place mushroom caps on baking sheet. In a medium skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add chopped mushrooms stems and cook until most of the moisture is out, 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute then add bread crumbs and let toast slightly, 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat and let cool slightly. In a large bowl mix together mushroom stem mixture, Parmesan, cream cheese, parsley, and thyme. Season with salt and pepper. Fill mushroom caps with filling and sprinkle with more Parmesan. Bake until mushrooms are soft and the tops are golden, 20 minutes.  
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# What's Cooking?

## Stuffed mushrooms

### INGREDIENTS

Cooking spray, for pan  
1 1/2 lb. baby mushrooms  
2 tbsp. butter  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1/4 c. breadcrumbs  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan, plus more for topping  
4 oz. cream cheese, softened  
2 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley  
1 tbsp. freshly chopped thyme

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# Birthday Wishes to...

### July

Curtis Evans  
Michael Murphy Jr  
Riley Notti  
Angelo Notti  
Richelle Vanderpool  
Dario Notti  
Kylee Turner  
Dana R Notti

### August

Renee Fredericks  
Danya Fredericks  
Warren Goodwin  
Wyatt Goodwin  
Douglas Moffitt  
Grace Evans  
William Evans  
Debby Hartman  
Janeeka Corbett

### September

Jenelle Evans  
Racheal Evans  
Devin Hoffman  
David Kutch  
Richard Murphy  
Dario Notti jr  
Neil Rosander  
Nikki Zaukar  
Arnold Fredericks  
Gary Fredericks  
Jerry Fredericks  
Kimberly Notti

Dylan Evans  
Alisha Murphy  
Saben Turner  
Sebastian Turner  
Allen Turner

### October

Kristy Vanderpool-Wolf  
Traci Maczynski  
Stacy Turner  
Marco Nicholson  
Leslie Gowin  
Charles Vanborg  
Robert Vanderpool Jr  
Jo Ann Evans  
Father Michael Fredericks  
Christopher Fredericks  
Connie Vanderpool  
Ja'anna Corbett  
Caden Dudley

Ronald Notti  
Maelynn Fredericks  
Jayme Notti  
Corbhin Evans  
Kelly Jo Vanderpool  
Dana R Notti II



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# Upcoming Events



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July  
4 Independence Day

August

September  
7 Labor Day  
12 NVG Annual Meeting  
15-17 Alaska Tribal Transportation Symposium  
23 AVCP 2020 Annual Convention

October  
15-17 AFN 2020  
31 Halloween