

Tangirnaq Times

Summer 2024



Kiakutartukut. – We are going to have summer pretty soon.

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2024 TNV Annual Meeting

The Tangirnaq Native Village Annual Meeting was held Saturday, May 18 in Anchorage. We held the meeting jointly again this year with Leisnoi. We had a great turnout in-person and had many that joined the meeting virtually.

Chris Wooley, the Tribes historian shared information on the history of Woody Island and Sojung Ha, PhD student from UAF, shared her project scope and her interest in interviewing tribal citizens about their knowledge of Woody Island.

Gwen Sargent, Executive Director, shared a year in review and the many project accomplished and goals for the coming year.

2024 Election Results

Atagua incumbents Chrislyn Hoen and Germaine Salmine for being elected for another three-year term to the Woody Island Tribal Council.



Chrislyn Hoen



Germaine Salmine



Tribal Citizens visiting and catching up with each other



Letter From The Executive Director



Gwen Sargent
Executive Director

Cama'i Tribal Citizens,

It has been a busy and exciting few months!

The Tribe joined Leisnoi in their informational meetings leading up to our joint Annual Meeting May 18, in Anchorage. Tribal citizens and shareholders met in person in Anchorage and many joined virtually. It was refreshing to hear the positive direction of Leisnoi and we enjoyed sharing all the accomplishments of the Tribe since May of 2023.

Several projects were highlighted at the Annual meeting including the renaming of the Kodiak Armory after Daniel Harmon, the Koniaq Community Clean-up Project on Woody Island, the Pacific Northwest Alutiiq Culture Camp workshops in conjunction with the Cama'i Boxes, and we heard from our Tribal Historian Chris Wooley about the history of Woody Island and an overview of Sojung Ha's project through UAF to interview TNV Elders and to share past interviews of some of our Elders that have passed.

The Grave Identification Project phase one started in May, you will read more about this project in the newsletter. The Tribe has also partnered with the Kodiak Island Housing Authority to fund a support position to recruit individuals and families that reside in Kodiak to apply for the Mutual Self-Help Home project.

The Council will convene its annual strategic planning session in late August to celebrate our successes, and identify focus area for the coming year. Additionally, we will be working closely with Leisnoi in further defining the parameters of the new village site, more information to come!

Quyanaa,

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.

Cama'i Box Update

Kodiak Self-Help Build

We are excited to announce that the Cama'i Boxes have been mailed. Staff and volunteers worked diligently to assemble over 500 boxes for each Tribal citizen. We apologize for the delay, we had an issue with our box order.

The box contents were carefully curated by our partner the Pacific Northwest Alutiig Culture Camp, who also developed four in-person and virtual workshops that coincide with the contents | learning events that coincide with the Cama'i boxes.

If you plan to join on zoom make sure to pre-register by scanning the QR code or enter the URL online. Once you have registered once you should automatically be registered to the remaining events.

Zoom URL:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpfuugqjkiE9L-H_2vKUOzsFEHZ9JZ5cR4](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpfuugqjkiE9L-H_2vKUOzsFEHZ9JZ5cR4)



If you have not received your box in the mail contact us at 907-486-9872 or via email at info@woodyisland.com



TANGIRNAQ NATIVE VILLAGE
Woody Island Tribal Council

Cama'i Box

Salmon Chowder Session

Cama'i Box Workshop 2: Traditional Foods
Date: June 15, 2024
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm Alaska Time

In-person Location: 194 Alimaq Drive, Kodiak, AK - Upstairs

Or Join via Zoom:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpfuugqjkiE9L-H_2vKUOzsFEHZ9JZ5cR4](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpfuugqjkiE9L-H_2vKUOzsFEHZ9JZ5cR4)

Save the rich flavors our traditional foods during this Cultural Connections Cama'i Box Workshop! The Cama'i Box contains a can of salmon and Salmon Chowder recipe. Join us online and in-person as we Make Salmon Chowder!

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Cama'i Box

Tangirnaq Tassel Workshop

Cama'i Box Workshop 4: Tangirnaq Tassel
Date: August 17, 2024
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm Alaska Time

In-person Location: 194 Alimaq Drive, Kodiak, AK - Upstairs

Or Join via Zoom:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpfuugqjkiE9L-H_2vKUOzsFEHZ9JZ5cR4](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpfuugqjkiE9L-H_2vKUOzsFEHZ9JZ5cR4)

Uncover the richness of Sigraq culture during this Cultural Connections Cama'i Box Workshop! Using the Tassel Kit in the Cama'i Box let's learn to make a beaded tassel based on a recipe collected from Tangirnaq, Woody Island, by William J. Fischer. Join us for this online and in-person Tangirnaq Tassel Workshop!

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ATTENTION KODIAK TRIBAL CITIZENS

RurAL CAP's mutual self-help housing is on it's way to Kodiak!

In partnership with USDA Rural Development, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Kodiak Area Native Association - KANA, KIBSD, Kodiak Island Housing Authority, and Koniag, we're excited to start building with you.

Apply today!
<https://bit.ly/MSHH>



Applications open for Kodiak Self-Help Build

APPLY TODAY

The program is open to anyone who is eligible for a USDA 502 direct mortgage loan and can complete the labor contribution.

- Earn Sweat-Equity.
- No payments during construction.
- Learn building construction and home maintenance skills.
- Several plans to choose from!

Contact us for more information
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Grave Mapping Project Woody Island

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.

The Council approved this project early in 2024 and we've been working with our Tribal Historian Chris Wooley, the Alutiiq Museum and have contracted with Northern Land Use Research Alaska, LLC (NLURA). The end of May NLURA conducted field work on Woody Island using ground-penetrating radar to collect data. The second phase, though not fully identified, will include analysis, and reporting with respect to accessible unmarked cemeteries and/or human burial location on Woody Island. The Alutiiq Museum will also be involved with the formulation of phase two. We are appreciative of the cooperation of the land owners in the gravesite areas.

Other partners that have contributed monetary support include Leisnoi, Inc. and Koniag, Inc. We look forward to sharing the findings and our plan to honor and protect the sites of our buried ancestors.



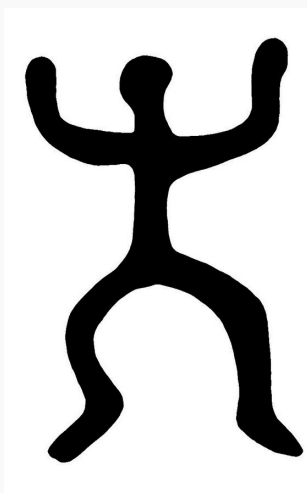
Looking out towards Kodiak
from Woody island



Remains of the Orphanage that burned
down in 1925 and 1937



Interior end of Crab Lagoon



Location of one of the mass burial
sites that had fencing added later

Pictures of Woody Island





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Missing Tribal Citizen Contact Info

The following people citizens have outdated contact information. If you know anyone on this list please have the contact the office at (907) 486-9872 to update their information.

Rebecca Badner
James Blutschly
Tristen Bowling
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Mikayla Pavloff
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Justin Petersen

Luther Peterson
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