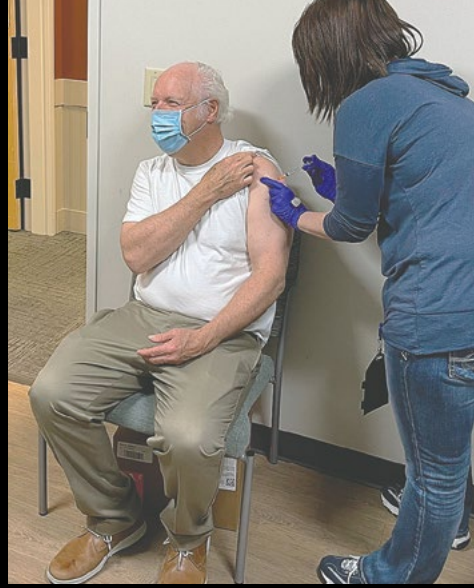


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# Tribe joins lawsuit asking the federal court to stop the sale of Sand Point archives building

By Puyallup Tribal News Staff

The Puyallup Tribe has joined a lawsuit against the federal government for illegally proceeding with the sale of the National Archives and Records Administration's building in Seattle.

Other plaintiffs include the state attorney general's office, 25 other federally recognized tribes, one Alaska Native Regional Corporation, one intertribal organization comprised of 37 federally recognized Alaska Native Tribes and five additional Alaska Native communities, the State of Oregon, and 10 other groups consisting of community organizations, historical preservation societies, museums, and a tribal organization. The plaintiffs have asked the judge to grant a motion for preliminary injunction, which would halt the sale – planned for early February – while the court hears the case. The court documents are available at [PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov](http://PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov).

The building is commonly called the Sand Point archives. It holds history of 272 federally recognized tribes, including the Puyallup Tribe. Tribal members use the records to establish membership, show fishing rights, trace ancestry and access Native school records. Less than 1 percent of the holdings are digitized and available online.

The federal Public Buildings Reform Board has fast-tracked the sale to generate revenue for the federal government. The records housed there would be moved more than 1,000 miles away to Riverside, Calif., and Kansas City, Mo.

“The archives are important not only to our history but to our future,” the Puyallup Tribal Council, the Tribe's governing body, said. “Our staff use the documents housed there to support litigation that protects our hard-fought treaty rights. Moving the archives to California and Missouri obviously would make it much harder for our Tribe to get these documents when we need them.”

The plaintiffs sued the federal defendants under the Administrative Procedures Act for acting contrary to the requirements of the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act (FASTA), which is a law passed by Congress in 2016 for the purpose of selling high value and underused federal properties,



A hand drawn map on original parchment or linen paper of the Puyallup and Muckleshoot reservations is in the National Archives building in Seattle. The map was created by George Gibbs in 1856 after the ratification of the Medicine Treaty. It also shows private land claims from non-native settlers who were compensated by the U.S. government for the land they'd cleared and any improvements they'd made on said land. Basically they were paid off after illegally settling on Puyallup land. Left: file photo of an interview with Tribal Historic Preservation Assistant Director Brandon Reynon at the National Archives building.

for failing to follow the procedural requirements of FASTA, and for failure to follow federal tribal consultation policies.

Beyond ongoing efforts to protect treaty rights, moving the archives would exact a heavy emotional toll, Council said. The motion includes 65 pages of declarations from Puyallup Tribal members and Puyallup Tribal employees about the archives' importance. Extracts show a range of uses and consequences of moving the records away:

“The last time I visited the Seattle National Archives facility I found a record that listed the sale of my ancestors, the Jacksons' land. ... My aunt 4x's removed, Jennie Jackson, of these ancestors, was murdered for her land because it was a highly sought after location. ... There are thousands of similar documents that have personal meaning for those who research here. ...”  
— Amber Taylor

“Some of these documents contain the handwriting of tribal members and their stories in their voice. Simply making a copy and digitizing it for research will not allow the descendants of these Tribal members access to their personal history and family survival story. The connection to these documents cannot be measured and cannot be felt over a computer screen. Access to these sensitive, one of a kind documents are essential to the historical trauma of the Puyallup people.”  
— Brandon Reynon

“Beyond the harm that will be caused against the tribal departments, the stories that are passed down from one generation to the next will be lost over time. Families, such as mine, that have lost family members will not be able to research records and make important discoveries about their families by viewing records at the National Archives.”  
— Charlene Matheson

“These unique records contain irreplaceable details memorializing the Tribes' earliest efforts to protect its' tribal members from being egregiously detached from their

traditional homelands, and struggling to maintain their traditional cultural areas and subsistence lifestyles, and then maintaining their ever-important land-based spiritual duties, cultural identities, stewardship practices, and tribal governments.” — Jeffrey Thomas

“Important information [about the loss of the Tribe's land] would never have been discovered if it had not been conserved by the Department of the Interior in Records Group 75 maintained at ... the National Archives [at] Seattle.” — Samuel J. Stiltner

“My husband [Gilbert King George] will be 83 years old, this spring. It is not an exaggeration to say that moving the materials to Riverside, California will effectively end his ability to access these materials. Our students will miss their chance to discover their histories with their trusted elder to guide and interpret the work. Our elders often say, ‘There is no promise for tomorrow.’”  
— Tallis King George

The full text of the declarations are on the Tribe's website, [PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov](http://PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov).

“These documents are a significant part of our history,” Tribal Council said. “They are the story of our life as a Tribe. They are our ancestors' stories. This is a fight worth having.”

**Tribal Members:** Have you visited the National Archives building in Seattle? If you want to share your stories and experiences about the facility, please send an email to [news@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](mailto:news@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov).

## Tune into the hearing

Oral arguments on the motion for a preliminary injunction are scheduled to take place via Zoom (recordings are prohibited) at 9 a.m. Jan. 29. It is open to the public at: <https://wawd-uscourts.zoomgov.com/j/1617863808?pwd=RTVCcKRHM1B2YkM3cVJqNWZHK0JZUT09>

You may participate via audio only with:  
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## Tribe sues Electron Hydro over killing of fish in Puyallup River

The Puyallup Tribe filed a lawsuit in federal court on Dec. 30 against the operators of Electron Dam over their ongoing violations of the Endangered Species Act.

The Puyallup River is home to spring chinook salmon, which are important to Tribal and non-Tribal fishers alike and a critical food source of endangered Southern Resident orcas, and to steelhead and bull trout. All three species are protected under the Endangered Species Act. The century-old dam in the upper Puyallup has long been a killer of salmon and has never complied with the Endangered Species Act.

In July 2020, a planned outage of the Electron facility stranded, suffocated and pulverized thousands of adults and juvenile fish. This outage is part of regular maintenance and operations of the facility, and is in addition to the thousands of fish killed in the flume, forebay, and turbines of the facility every year.

In the same month, the dam's owners deliberately placed thousands of square yards of artificial turf in the Puyallup River as part of a construction project. According to Electron's own consultant, the turf and its crumb rubber washed down the entire length of the river below Electron Dam and

into Commencement Bay. Five months later, large pieces of turf are still in the river and crumb rubber pieces and fragments of plastic grass are clearly visible on the shorelines and vegetation.

"This dam has been killing fish for decades. The reckless killing of fish in the forebay this summer in spite of our efforts to warn and guide them to reduce the fish kill and then polluting this sacred river with crumb rubber was the last straw," said the Puyallup Tribal Council, the Tribe's governing body. "The owners have to be held accountable. They are killing fish and destroying natural resources that are here for everyone's benefit, Native and non-Native alike. Our job is to protect the land, the water and the fish. That is what we are doing today by suing Electron Dam's owners for their egregious conduct."

Lisa A. Anderson with the Law Office of the Puyallup Tribe is the attorney representing the Tribe. The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, identifies multiple violations of the Endangered Species Act for illegal take of listed species including Chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout in the Puyallup River:

- Electron diverts water from the river into a flume, lowering flows in the bypass reach of the Puyallup River and captures and harms Chinook salmon and steelhead and bull trout.
- The Electron Dam blocks fish from migrating upstream and recent changes to the dam have impacted the operations of the fish ladder and caused a take of fish at the dam;

- Electron maintains and periodically dredges Lizard Lake, which captures, harms and kills fish.
- Electron maintains a forebay for the dam, which captures fish and puts them at greater than normal risk of falling prey to other fish, delays their migration, and kills fish during maintenance and as regular operations moving water through the penstocks and turbines. A single maintenance operation conducted on July 29, 2020, resulted in the deaths of thousands of fish.
- The placement of artificial turf in the river, which spread crumb rubber and plastics over 40 miles of river and finally into Commencement Bay

Electron Dam's operators have temporarily installed a rock dam without full permits because their actions of placing the turf in the river delayed their work to install a bladder dam that would improve operations for electricity generation. This past summer, the fish ladder remained inoperable blocking most, if not all, of the returning Chinook salmon from reaching upstream spawning grounds. While temporary, the rock dam structure is likely to damage runs by compromising the fish ladder and blocking fish passage upstream.

"Electron Dam's operators have had a century to get it right," Tribal Council said. "It is time for the dam to go. Its legacy will be one of dead fish and damage to the ecology of this beautiful place we all live in."

## Tribe opens temporary COVID-19 quarantine facility

By Puyallup Tribal News Staff

COVID-19 is on the rise in the United States, with hospitals around the country nearing capacity. The Puyallup Tribe of Indians wants to prepare for any situation that may arise.

"We are doing our best to try and help us get through this all together," said Tribal Chairman Bill Sterud.

In a December letter to Membership, Tribal Council announced the purchase of the LUX apartments in Fife. Councilmembers recently toured the complex, which will serve as a place for isolation if a Tribal Member or Tribal staff member needs to quarantine away from their loved ones due to COVID-19.

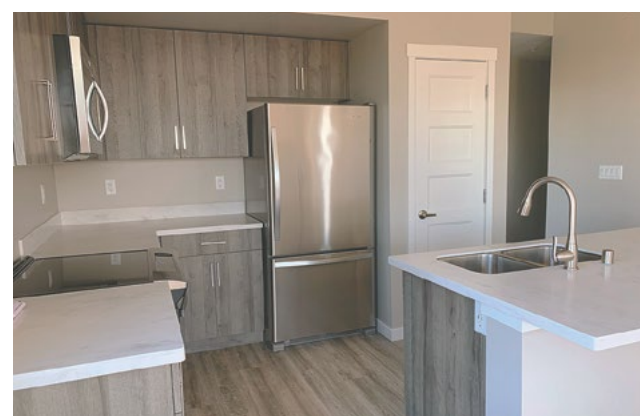
The Lux site consists of 32 units, along with two retail spaces. Stays are limited to 14 days, and subject to availability.

"Food will be (available) for you if needed, or you can cook for yourself," said Vice Chairwoman Sylvia Miller. "All units are furnished and equipped with the things you need to get you through the 14 days of quarantine."

The Housing department has been temporary assigned to assist with the placement and management of the units. The facility is for use by Puyallup Tribal members, Tribal employees at the Tribe's entities who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or exposed firsthand to the virus, or if you have been instructed by a medical



Tribal Chairman Bill Sterud tours the quarantine facility with Administrative Operations Coordinator Lizetta Kelly.



professional to temporarily isolate and have no other space to isolate as directed.

"It's serious, it's dangerous, we want to keep you safe and healthy," said Councilmember Monica Miller.

This program was made available through the CARES Act, passed with a bipartisan majority, which provided \$8 billion in financial assistance to tribal governments, according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Puyallup Tribe used portions of the funding provided for reimbursements to the

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Members, and health and safety upgrades at its entities. The Tribe has sent nearly \$6 million in assistance to Tribal Members. Tribal household qualified for up to \$4,000 per adult Member and \$750 per minor Member on eligible COVID-19 expenses.

COVID-19 can be scary in itself, and the Tribe hopes that by offering this facility, it can help keep the community safe. "It has been very difficult at times, but we have managed, and we look forward to continuing to walk out of COVID with you all," said Councilmember Anna Bean.

This facility is meant for those with no to low level symptoms. If you are experience moderate to severe symptoms, please do not attempt to apply to this program; go directly to urgent care or the hospital. The health and safety of Tribal Members and staff are always the top priority.

"This pandemic has lasted far longer than anyone could ever anticipate, we have done a lot of work to make sure our community is safe and secure and to make sure we are able to provide a safe and healthy environment for each and every one of our members and our employees, who work so

hard to take care of our community," said Councilmember David Bean.

Puyallup Tribal Members and Tribal employees can apply to this program through Puyallup Tribe Housing by emailing [tracie.wrolson@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](mailto:tracie.wrolson@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov).

"Tribal Council has your best interest at heart; we want everyone to stay healthy," said Councilmember Annette Bryan.

"We are going to learn from this; we're going to be better prepared for the future," added Councilmember Jim Rideout.

## Tiny house village site coming to the Puyallup Reservation

By Puyallup Tribal News Staff

Historically the Puyallup people would live amongst each other in a village. The village would be community-based, working together for the greater good of the people.

They were fed by land and sea, salmon, clams, nuts, roots, wild game and berries, and used cedar to build housing and transportation. This would allow for people to live healthy and harmoniously without any worries.

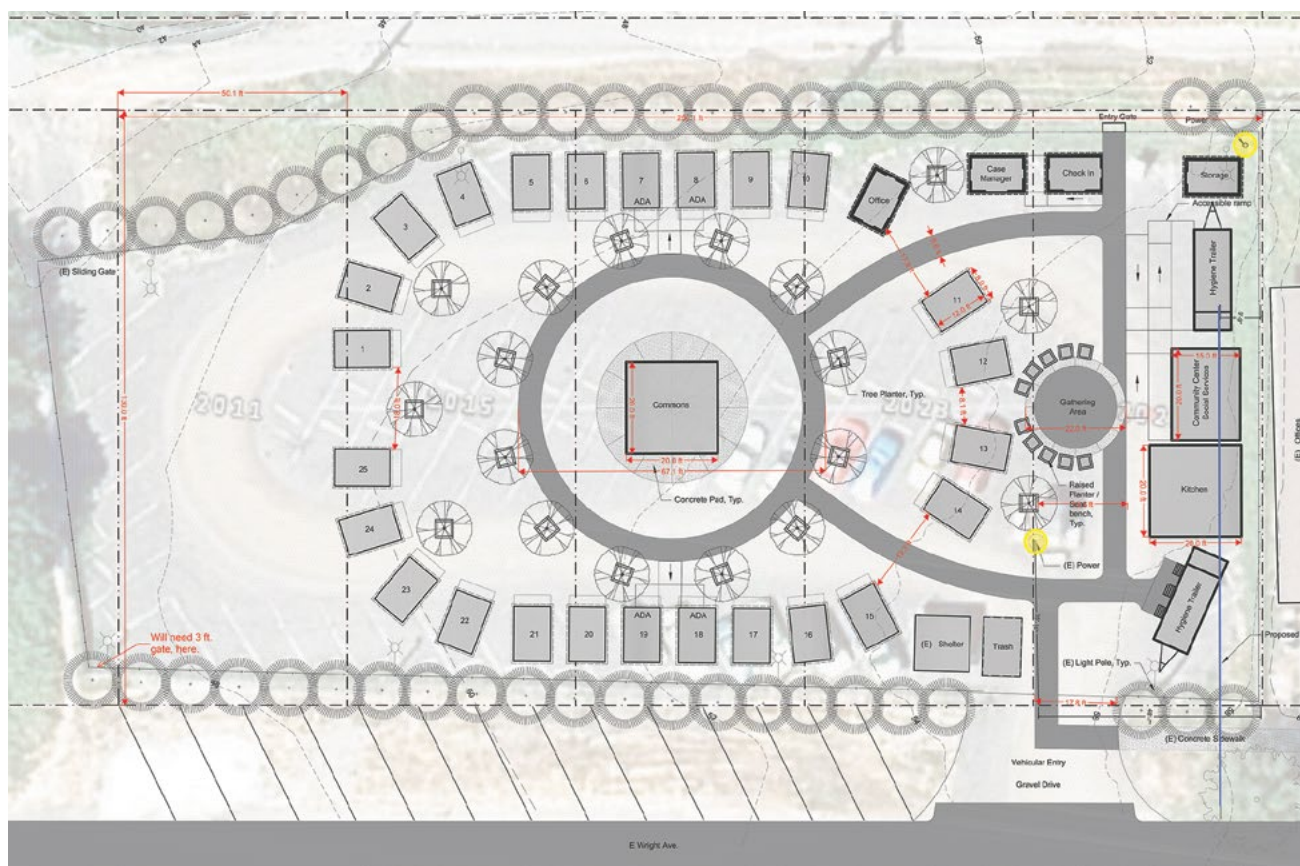
Today, with COVID-19 causing massive unemployment numbers, many Tribal Members lack a safe and secure spot to remain stay healthy.

Last fall The Puyallup Tribe of Indians has begun began planning for a tiny house village that would serve Tribal members experiencing homelessness.

There is an old saying:, "When the tides were out, the table was spread." This community-based project will put into action the phrase "it takes a village" as a way to uplift tribal members who struggle to find affordable housing.

"I think these will be the perfect opportunity for transitional housing in our community," said Wrap Around Services Program Manager Shannel Janzen. "The tiny home village will give people the opportunity to have a safe place to heal, have a roof over their head, a place to lock up their belongings, have their basic needs met, participate in cultural activities, and have support staff 24/7 to help them meet their needs."

The Tribe partnered with the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) for the project,



Site Plan: 2027 E. Wright Ave. Fife, WA.



Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) has partnered with numerous groups to build tiny house villages in Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia. Pictured are examples of LIHI's Georgetown, True Hope and Lake Union Villages, all of which are in Seattle. LIHI has partnered with the Puyallup Tribe to build a tiny home village that will provide shelter and resources for homeless Tribal Members.

"We are healing the effects of the genocide," said Culture Director Connie McCloud. "Whole villages were intentionally killed or killed by disease. Our children were forced to go to boarding schools and then forcefully removed from our homes. We continue to pick up the pieces of the harm from the forced removal from our homes and home land."

The tiny homes will help the community heal by providing a safe and welcoming space for those who need it, McCloud added. Photos courtesy of LIHI

which was made available is funded through the federal CARES Act. It will give people a place to safely isolate, if needed.

"LIHI is deeply honored to be doing this work, in partnership with the Puyallup

Tribe of Indians, to help bring Puyallup Tribal Members indoors and into a safe and supporting community," said LIHI Tiny House Special Projects Manager Bradford Gerber. "Our hope is to develop

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a tiny house village for Tribal members over the coming months that can serve as a place of rest, and that the space can recharge people with what they need to find success.”

The village will be located at 2027 E Wright Street in Tacoma. It will serve up to 35 Tribal members 18 and older, including individuals, couples, veterans, seniors, students, and people with pets.

“One of the positive historical significances of this project is its proximity to one of our ancestral village sites,” said Tribal Historic Preservation Assistant Director Brandon Reynon. “Our oral history always told us we had a village in this area. In 2009, 2013, 2015, and 2020, construction projects have uncovered just how large this ancestral village was, and I'm glad to see we'll be having housing return to this site to care for our Members.”

The site will include up to 30 tiny houses and a community kitchen, hygiene facilities, case management, and 24/7 staffing. Each tiny house is 8 feet by 12 feet, is insulated, and has heat, electricity, and a locking door.

Puyallup Tribal Member Ron Wrolson, who is a senior project manager with the Tribe's Construction Services department, recently had a chance to visit two existing tiny home sites in Tacoma.

He said the site visits made him a believer in the program.

“When the world is so expensive now, for a Tribal Member to have an opportunity to come out of a difficult place, I think these homes are the answer to start tackling the problem,” Wrolson said. “To get people to a point to lock on and see the hand that is lifting them, it's something we can build on.”

Several tribal departments are working together to launch the project, and they'll work together to support it, once it's built.

“The staff and cultural team will really wrap their arms around the residents of the village to help them achieve their goals,” Janzen said. “I am so thankful for all the departments who have come together to make this dream a reality.”

### Want to help?

There will be multiple volunteer work parties to set up the site, which will include painting, construction, and beautification. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please email [tinyhouses@lihi.org](mailto:tinyhouses@lihi.org).

### Need help?

To inquire about the referral process of Tribal Members experiencing homelessness, please contact the Puyallup Tribe Wrap Around Program by calling 253-382-6219 or 253-310-1855 or by emailing [WrapAroundProgram@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](mailto:WrapAroundProgram@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov).

### More coverage

Stay tuned for more information in the Puyallup Tribal News about the tiny house village as the project progresses, and watch for updates at [www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](http://www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov).

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS yayusali

### Job title: Elders CNA

Department: House of Respect Residences/Elders Wellness Center

### Closes: When filled

Provides personal care, in-home meal preparation, light housekeeping, assists with activities of daily living and vital signs for the Tribal Elders in the Residence assisted living or in the home.

### Job title: Anti-Trafficking Advocate

Department: Community Domestic Violence Advocacy Program

### Closes: Feb. 10

Responsible for engaging and serving at-risk adults, will provide emergency intervention and stabilization for trafficking victims and secondary victims of human trafficking. Networks with all Tribal departments and other local or state services with the goal towards self-sufficiency and empowerment and maintains case files. Provides case management and

outreach as well as continually builds the referral network of options. Assists with grant quarterly reports.

### Job title: Finance and Business Manager

Department: Finance & Business Development Department

### Closes: When Filled

Assists the Finance Director (Director) and Tribal Financial Officer (TFO) by providing operational and financial oversight and analysis of the Tribe's governmental and business operations. Contributes to the Tribe's overall success by effectively supporting the implementation of all financial policies and activities. Assists the Director and TFO on financial reporting, analysis, management and growth issues.

### Job title: Tribal Court Associate Judge

Department: Tribal Court

### Closes: When filled

Serves as hearing judge for the Puyallup Tribal Court in accordance with the tribal

Judicial Administrative Code. Term is three years from the date of appointment by the Tribal Council. May be reappointed at the expiration of a term in the discretion of the Tribal Council.

### Job title: Tribal Court Guardian ad Litem

Department: Tribal Court

### Closes: When filled

Represents the best interests of the person for whom the GAL is appointed (Client). The GAL is an officer of the court and must maintain independence, conduct him/herself professionally, avoid conflicts of interest and maintain ethical standards, treat all parties with respect, become informed about the case, timely inform the court of relevant information, limit duties to those ordered by the court, inform individuals about his/her role in the case, maintain the parties' privacy, perform duties in a timely manner, maintain documentation, and keep accurate records.



## How To Apply

Apply online at <https://usr58.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/ptoiad>

or

visit the Puyallup Tribe's website at [www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/](http://www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/) and select "Employment" at the top of the page.

If you have any questions about the online application, please call 253-382-6089 or email [jobs@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](mailto:jobs@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov).



Puyallup Tribal Health Authority

## Thank you to our PTHA Employees

Our employees have worked tirelessly throughout this pandemic and when we received the COVID-19 vaccine, they didn't waste any time to quickly get it out to the community. Every department pulled together to help make it happen. Their hard work and dedication to serve the community is greatly appreciated.

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We are Grateful for You



Puyallup Tribal Health Authority

## Virtual Wellness Wednesdays Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Feb 3: Be Fit Together with Mike Williams!

The importance of mobility and stretching  
Giveaways for the first 10 people to sign up and attend the Zoom group

### Feb 10: Love Your Heart, Love Your Food

February is American Heart Month. We will discuss steps to a healthier heart including food choices, being active, and managing stress.

### Feb 17: Be Fit Together with Mike Williams

The importance of mobility and stretching  
Giveaways for the first 10 people to sign up and attend the Zoom group

### Feb 24: Ask the Doc: COVID-19 EMPOWER Hour

Join the Wellness team and PTHA provider James Hooper for a special opportunity to have all your questions answered about COVID-19. We'll provide the latest information so you can be up to date and informed in 2021. Please email your questions at least one week ahead to [Cfragosso@eptha.com](mailto:Cfragosso@eptha.com)

To sign-up, go to [www.eptha.com](http://www.eptha.com)

• Click on Departments--> Community Health

• Click **Wellness Wednesdays Feb 2021 Schedule** & choose your event  
If you need help registering, please call 253-593-0232, ext. 7-497



## COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine Fact Sheet

By Dr. Austin Shelton, PTHA Medical Director

- The mRNA vaccines, from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, give our cells an mRNA blueprint to make a piece of the SARS-CoV-2 "spike" protein. This triggers an immune response. The mRNA is then quickly broken down and out of your system. It does not affect our DNA. These are not live vaccines...they don't use whole or partial pathogens...and they can't cause COVID-19 infection.
- Vaccines using an "mRNA platform" have been studied for over a decade for conditions such as cancer, influenza, MERS, and more. And COVID-19 vaccine trials are large, similar to other vaccines. These vaccines became available quickly because some steps occurred simultaneously...but none were skipped. For instance, manufacturing began while waiting for trial results.
- Early data suggest the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine both have roughly 95% efficacy against COVID-19 after 2 doses of the same product...separated by 21 (Pfizer) or 28 (Moderna) days. For example, Pfizer-BioNTech data over about 2 months show 162 symptomatic, confirmed COVID-19 cases in the placebo group versus 8 in the vaccinated group...in more than 43,000 people.
- With broader use, we'll learn more about real-world effectiveness...such as how long immunity lasts. And stay tuned about whether vaccinated patients can still develop asymptomatic COVID-19 and spread the virus. **For now, we will continue to emphasize wearing masks, distancing, etc...even AFTER vaccination.**
- Expect injection site pain and flu-like symptoms (fatigue, aches, etc), which seem more likely after the second dose. These should go away in a couple days these can be signs the immune system is working.
- Be aware, emergency use authorization (EUA) for COVID-19 vaccines expedites access but FDA still requires safety and efficacy data in line with what's needed for eventual approval. The bar for vaccine EUAs is higher than the one set for COVID-19 treatments.

## Vaccines are one of the tools we have to fight the COVID-19 pandemic



Even after you get your vaccine, you will need to keep wearing a mask that covers your mouth and nose, washing your hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you do not live with. This gives you and others the best protection from catching the virus.

**If you received your first dose of the vaccine, please remember to get your second dose at the drive-thru clinic at PTHA. You should receive a text reminder from PTHA.**

TRIBAL COUNCIL VACCINATIONS



DRIVE UP VACCINATIONS



PTHA EMPLOYEES, AND FRONTLINE STAFF



COVID-19

# Administration buildings to remain closed until Feb. 16; services will continue

Dear Tribal Community,

All Tribal government buildings have been closed since Nov. 9 as a proactive approach against COVID-19. After recommendation from Medical Director Dr. Alan Shelton and the COVID-19 Response Team, Tribal Council has extended the closure until Feb. 16, 2021. Building access is limited, and by appointment-only with supervisory approval.

As with previous closures, we must continue services to the Membership,

so departments need to stay open and employees will be expected to telework. Paid administrative leave may be available for those unable to telework, with supervisory approval.

The Tribe has taken numerous measures to ensure the safety of our employees during the coronavirus outbreak, including encouraging teleworking for positions that allow, implementing social distancing, installing Plexiglas barriers, remodeling building entries, and conducting regular cleaning and disinfection of buildings.

You can learn more about steps you can take to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 on our website:

<http://puyallup-tribe.com/COVID19/covid.php>.

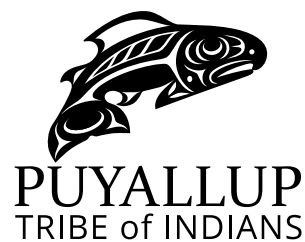
You can find the latest information about drive-through vaccination clinics for PTHA patients at [eptha.com](http://eptha.com).

You can also find a list of mobile testing clinics on Pierce County Emergency Management's website:

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/6758/Covid-19-Mobile-Testing>.

Stay well. Stay safe.

— Puyallup Tribal Administration



# Elders protected with first COVID-19 vaccine

By Lisa Pemberton, Puyallup Tribal News Editor

In late December, former Puyallup Tribal Chairwoman Ramona Bennett, Cultural Director Connie McCloud, Elders Advisory Board Member Teddy Simchen and Charlene Matheson, past Chair of the Elders Advisory Board, and were among the first Tribal Elders to get COVID-19 vaccines. Residents and staff at the House of Respect also received the vaccine.

Bennett described the shot as “relatively painless.”

“It’s terrible that all you see (on TV) is needles that look like railroad spikes, but the needles that they actually use are very tiny,” she said. “I will say my shoulder was a tiny bit sore for a few days, but that’s nothing. As an older person, I had classmates who were crippled for life, or died, from polio. And then mumps, measles and chicken pox used to really knock kids out – sometimes taking their vision or hearing. ...I know the value of these vaccinations. They make a huge difference.”

Puyallup Tribal Health Authority Clinical Director Dr. Alan Shelton, who also serves as Medical Director for the Puyallup Tribe, described the vaccine as “a game changer.”

“This means that there is a turning point in this pandemic,” he said. “We can ensure the safety of our people. Please get vaccinated when you get the chance!”

Between Dec. 23 and 30, 113 Elders and staff received the first doses, and there were no serious side effects, said Russ Hanscom, RN, MHA, Elder Services Executive Director. There were only a few complaints of arm pain and increased fatigue. One staff member and Elder anticipated, and then experienced, moderate side effects including nausea, vomiting and headaches. Both feel relieved and plan to get their booster in about four weeks, Hanscom said.

“We’re hopeful family members of the residents at The House of Respect will get vaccinated this month so we can safely resume visitation of Elders shortly after everyone gets the second booster,” he added.

Once Elders and frontline workers were vaccinated, the vaccines were made available to all adult Tribal Members. After that, the clinic began offering the vaccine to any of its adult patients.



“I wouldn’t ask them to take anything I wouldn’t take myself,” Bryan said. “We are so blessed that our community is able to get vaccinated to help stop the spread of the virus.”

Anna Bean said she thought the idea of the vaccine was scary, at first, but she did her own research.

“I did not take the shot to protect myself,” she said. “I took the shot to protect my loved ones and our community I want to be with again.”

Rideout said he felt an obligation to keep the community safe from the spread of the virus.

“I am constantly researching and in contact with medical professionals for updates and additional information regarding this issue,” he said. “For me...I wanted to keep our staff and our membership as safe as possible. Our people should be kept safe sound and secure.”

David Bean posted a video on the PTHA’s Facebook page after his vaccination.

“We trust this vaccine, and you should too,” he said. “We have to take every step we can to defeat this COVID and reduce the number of infections.”

On Jan. 4, PTHA held a drive-thru clinic near the former I-5 EQC Event in Tacoma, and 136 people received vaccines. Tribal Administration employees were invited to participate in drive-thru clinics from Jan. 6-8. By Jan. 13, about 1800 people received their first vaccine from PTHA, including more than 200 Puyallup Tribal Elders, Dr. Shelton said.

## COUNCILMEMBERS SHARE THEIR VACCINE EXPERIENCES

In recent weeks, Puyallup Tribal Chairman Bill Sterud, and Councilmembers David Bean, Annette Bryan, Anna Bean and James Rideout have shared their personal vaccine experiences on social media.

Sterud was the first person to get the shot at PTHA on Dec. 23.

In a video message, he said he was thankful for Dr. Shelton and all of the frontline workers who have been part of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

“I would hope each Tribal Member, when they get the opportunity, comes to get their shot,” Sterud said.

Bryan said she decided to get the shot because they are asking Members to get vaccinated.





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*'A nice piece of land for the traditions/customs of the First People'*

### Puyallup Tribe Culture Center

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## Traditional medicine, and traditional healing services available

The Culture Center offers traditional medicine healing services. Please contact Connie McCloud at 253-389-8729 for scheduling, questions or additional information.

We also continue to gather, process and distribute our traditional medicines and teas, and provide Traditional Medicine packets to the community upon request. Call Connie for more information.

## Medicine and tea gathering field trips scheduled

The Culture Department would like to invite you to join us in "Gathering our Medicines and Teas" field trips. We will learn to identify plants, honor the medicine that they share with us and make a salve and teas. We will leave from the Culture Center at 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of February and March (Feb. 6, Feb. 20, March 6 and March 20).

This is a great opportunity to explore outside, along our forests, water ways, creeks and maybe even in the mountains.

Please bring water, snacks and lunch, dress for the weather. We will follow all COVID-19 prevention precautions, including wearing a mask, and social distancing 6 feet apart. If you are not feeling well, join us next time. Marsha Pluff (253-278-4074) and Angeline Totus (253-680-5681) will have registration information.

## Carving Studio update

Our Carving Studio has been impacted by this winter weather and rain. Some of our services will not be available for a short period of time.

We look forward to sharing this time with you.

-Connie McCloud, Culture Director

## Puyallup Tribe of Indians 2021 Enrollment Meeting schedule

### Deadline for documentation to be received.

- February 5, 2021
- March 5, 2021
- April 2, 2021
- May 7, 2021
- June 4, 2021
- July 7, 2021
- August 6, 2021
- September 3, 2021 (time change holiday deadline noon)

### Meeting Date

- February 10, 2021
- March 10, 2021
- April 7, 2021
- May 12, 2021
- June 9, 2021
- July 7, 2021
- August 11, 2021
- September 8, 2021

If you have any questions please feel free to email [Enrollment@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](mailto:Enrollment@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov) or call 253-573-7849

*Created by Enrollment office staff & meeting dates may be subject to change*

**\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\***

TO: *Puyallup Tribal Members*  
FROM: Puyallup Tribal Council  
DATE: February 1, 2021  
SUBJECT: **Fisheries Commission**

The Tribal Council is posting notice to fill **Two (2) regular positions and two (2) alternate position(s)**. The Commission members will be paid stipends for attendance and participation at Commission Meetings.

Members on this Commission need to be familiar with *Title 12 Fish and Wildlife No. 1 Fisheries Management Code and the Committees, Commissions, and Boards Regulation, Policy and Procedures Manual (Resolution No. 120607)*. You may request a copy of both the Code and Regulation Manual to review.

**Fisheries Management Commission**

Rodney Sisson  
Mark Bridges  
Henry John  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*  
Alternates:  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*

If interested please submit your form via email ([CommitteeSubmissions@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](mailto:CommitteeSubmissions@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov)) or mail via U.S. Postal Service (3009 East Portland Avenue Attn: Angel Robertiello, Tacoma, WA. 98404). All Submissions must be postmarked by the deadline date of **February 28, 2021**. Sign-up sheets are available in Tribal News or you can also find them on the Puyallup Tribe's Website.

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TO: PUYALLUP TRIBAL MEMBERS  
FROM: PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL  
DATE: February 1, 2021  
SUBJECT: **TERO Commission**

Tribal Council is posting notice to fill **two (2) Regular position(s)**. The Commission members will be paid stipends for attendance and participation at Commission Meetings.

**TERO Commission**

REGULAR POSITIONS:

Chester Earl  
Carolyn Deford  
Shelly Dillon  
Todd Wescott  
Gina LaPointe  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*

Members on this Committee need to be familiar with *Title 3 Business, Commerce, and Trade Chapter 3.24 Puyallup Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance and the Committees, Commissions, and Boards Regulation, Policy and Procedures Manual (Resolution No. 120607)*. You may request a copy of both the Code and Regulation Manual to review. The code may also be viewed from the Tribe's website at <http://www.puyallup-tribe.com/> look under Tribal Laws.

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**\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\***

TO: PUYALLUP TRIBAL MEMBERS  
FROM: PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL  
DATE: February 1, 2021  
SUBJECT: **Election Board**

The Tribal Council is posting notice for **Six (6) regular positions & three (3) alternate positions**. For the purpose of staggering terms, (3-Regular positions will be 3-year terms and 3-Regular terms will be 2 year terms) Board members are paid stipends for attendance and participation at Board Meetings. The following members are currently serving on this Board:

**Election Committee**

REGULAR POSITIONS:

Ashley Howard  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*

ALTERNATE POSITIONS:

Edmonda Cook  
Lindsay LaPointe-Nicks  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*

Members on this Committee need to be familiar with Tribal Code (*Title 9 Elections and the Committees, Commissions, and Boards Regulation, Policy and Procedures Manual (Resolution No. 120607)*). You may request a copy of both the Code and Regulation Manual to review. The code may also be viewed from the Tribe's website at <http://www.puyallup-tribe.com/> click on Tribal Laws.

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TO: PUYALLUP TRIBAL MEMBERS  
FROM: PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL  
DATE: February 1, 2021  
SUBJECT: **Puyallup Tribal~  
Gaming Advisory Commission/  
Charitable Trust Board**

Tribal Council is posting notice to fill **three (3) regular and two (2) alternate position(s)**. The member(s) appointed will serve a (3) three year term. Commission members are paid stipends for attendance and participation at Commission Meetings.

**Gaming Advisory Commission (Code - Title 13)**

Don Coats Term: Mar. 2018-2021  
Elsie Thomas Term: Oct. 2019-2022  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*  
Alternates:  
*Vacancy*  
*Vacancy*

Members on this Commission will need to be familiar with Tribal Code *Title 13 Gaming and the Committees, Commissions, and Boards Regulation, Policy and Procedures Manual (Resolution No. 120607)*. You may request a copy of both the Code and Regulation Manual to review. The code may also be viewed from the Tribe's website at <http://www.puyallup-tribe.com/> look under Tribal Laws.

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**PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICES**  
**Puyallup Tribal Members Only**  
**Request for Appointment on a**  
**Tribal Committee, Commission or Board**

DATE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Committee/Commission/Board you are applying to be on: \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER:** You may only be appointed to a total of three (3) positions at a time. List all committee(s), commission(s), or board(s) you are currently on:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly explain why you are interested in being on this committee:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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"I understand that I may be subject to a criminal background check and that if I am a Puyallup Tribal Administration employee the results of any relevant criminal background check not previously disclosed, could affect my employment."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**TRIBAL COUNCIL STAFF USE ONLY**

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Received/FILED by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tribal Members: Sign up for new Membership email list

Puyallup Tribal Members are invited to join the Tribe's Membership email list. To sign up, text PUYALLUPTRIBE to 22828 or visit <https://bit.ly/34gTDks>.

Staff will need to verify your information with Enrollment records. It must match what you have on your Tribal ID card. Remember to check your spelling prior

to submission because misspellings and inaccurate email addresses can cause a delay in the verification.

If you are a parent or guardian of a Puyallup Tribal Member Minor, and not a Tribal Member yourself, please provide the Minor's name and enrollment number.

Because staff must manually verify sign-ups, it may take a few business days to get added to the list.

Members who sign up will receive notifications about Membership Meetings, and other updates specifically for Puyallup Tribal Members. If you participated in November's Membership Meeting, you have already been signed up for the email list.

## Election Board certifies Dec. 10 vote

The Puyallup Tribe's Election Board has certified the results of the Dec. 10 Membership vote.

Membership voted to:

- Keep the monthly per capita amounts that adults and minor households receive the same, but increase/

decrease bonuses depending on the performance of the casino and Tribal businesses.

- Distribute each Tribal minor's trust fund by age according to the following schedule and whether the minor meets one of the following prerequisites:

**Prerequisites**

Age	Satisfy	Not Satisfy
18	25%	0%
21	50%	25%
25	25%	75%

- ♦ High School Diploma; or
- ♦ GED; or
- ♦ Vocational Diploma/Certificate

- Hire the Whitten Burrage Law Firm.
- Hire the Nix Patterson Law Firm.
- An official copy of the certified results, which includes the vote counts, can be viewed at [www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](http://www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov). It was also mailed to Tribal Members. Questions? Email [electionboard@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov).

## WALKING ON

Henry “Hank” Lyle Adams, May 16, 1943–Dec. 21, 2020



Henry “Hank” Lyle Adams, age 77, a citizen of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, began his Journey to the Spirit World at St. Peter’s Hospital in Olympia, on Monday, Dec. 21.

Hank was born on May 16, 1943, on the Fort Peck Reservation in Wolf Point, Mont., to Lewis Adams and Jessie Malvaney Adams.

During the famed 1963 March on Washington, Hank teamed up with National Indian Youth Council Executive Secretary Bruce Wilkie (Makah) to bring actor Marlon Brando to Franks Landing on the Nisqually River and into a coalition of 37 Northwest Tribes for a mass public demonstration in Olympia in January to March of 1964. The impetus for the protests had been the fierce defense of treaty rights already being waged by the Nisqually, Puyallup, Muckleshoot and Quileute Tribes, following brutal state assaults on their fishing families dating from January 1962 and the filing of injunctions against them.

This began what would become Hank’s relationship of more than a half-century with the Franks Landing Indian Community matriarch, Maiselle Bridges, and her brother, Billy Frank, Jr., who were his teachers and he their loyal assistant, advisor and scribe. While initially protesting induction into the armed forces because of the United States’ failure to live up to its treaty obligations, Hank eventually enlisted in the US Army and was stationed for two years at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he wrote and edited the *Belvoir Castle*.

After furthering his studies at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, he was a key strategist alongside Billy Frank, Jr., during the “treaty-fishing wars” that ultimately led to the 1974 Boldt Decision and the 1979 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld it. U.S. District Judge George H. Boldt uniquely admitted Hank as lay counsel into the case of *United States v. Washington*, specifically to represent Billy Frank, Jr., and Reggie Wells and other Nisqually treaty fishermen on various issues. The landmark ruling affirmed tribal rights under 1854-56 Treaties, to 50 percent of the harvestable catch of salmon and sturgeon (later cases in the Boldt line affirmed rights to shellfish and habitat restoration, including dam removal), in usual and accustomed places, on- and off-reservation, for ceremonial, commercial and subsistence purposes.

It has been said that, without Hank Adams, there would be no *U.S. v. Washington*. Hank’s passion to protect American Indian Treaty rights would drive his activism throughout his life’s and lead to injuries and a few stints in jail, where he continued to pursue his self-taught legal education. He was tapped by the U.S. Congress in 1975-1977 to chair its Task Force One on Treaties & Trust Responsibilities of the U.S. House-Senate American Indian Policy Review Commission.

Hank was credited among others for the eventual resolution of the 1973 occupation at Wounded Knee on the Oglala Sioux Tribe’s Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota.

Instrumental in the development of the Wa He Lut Indian School at Franks Landing, he also was a founding member of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission. For his life work, the Northwest Indian College, established by the Lummi Nation, awarded him an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities in Native Leadership.

In accordance with Hank’s wishes, he will be cremated and his ashes released on the Missouri, Nisqually, Quinault and Columbia Rivers, at such places and times that the family can safely release the ashes.

True to his humble nature, our beloved Hank Adams agreed to an honoring dinner provided that fellow activist, the late-Billy Frank, Jr., and other close comrades also are recognized. Therefore, within the next year, his family and close friends will plan a memorial dinner that he envisioned.

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## WALKING ON

"KU"

Enaku Cantrell

1976-2021



Enaku Cantrell walked on January 1, 2021. He was 44, a tribal fisherman (usually "High Boat") and a diver. He was a proud member of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. He strongly believed in exercising his tribal fishing rights. He loved fishing and geoduck diving. He was happy to share his fishing knowledge and taught some of the younger members of the Puyallup how to fish the river as well.

Enaku's fish camp at the green bridge was where people went during fishing season if they needed a job, wanted a laugh, fantastic stories (some of which were true) or fish for dinner. He was generous and helpful to his relatives, other fishermen, and others when he could.

Enaku grew up in Oklahoma and graduated from Norman High School. He was a natural comedian and athlete who was always larger than life. Quick witted and to the point, Enaku was a genuine and thoughtful person. He trained in boxing, taekwondo, Brazilian jiu jitsu and was a skilled golfer and baseball player. He was also a football star at Wentworth Military Academy (1991-1992) in Lexington, Missouri where he received high honors in Delta Company.

Enaku was that rare, unforgettable man that was himself without regard for anyone's social opinion. Enaku is survived by his mother, Linda Levier, his brothers Peter Larson and Mathias Cantrell, sister Melody Brown, as well as many cousins, aunts and uncles. All of whom will miss his quick smile, good humor and company.

We look forward to seeing you on the other side Enaku. Thank you for enriching our lives with your time here. A funeral service was held on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Puyallup Tribal Youth Center in Tacoma, Washington. In lieu of sending flowers, Enaku would want every Puyallup Tribal Member to get out on the river and exercise their treaty guaranteed fishing rights.

## Class of 2020

Associate of Applied Science in  
Nursing degree

San Jacinto College, Houston, TX

I am so thankful to reach another milestone in my life and am looking forward to continuous success in the medical field! I am very grateful for my parents, Rosaline (McCloud) Johnson & Carl Johnson Sr., all of my family, friends, and especially my husband, Rick, for supporting me along this journey. I would also like to thank the Puyallup Tribe and the Higher Education department for all of their assistance and support as well! As a student, this has been an obstacle of a year, as well as overall due to the



pandemic, but I continue to pray for better days ahead and for the health and well-being of all of us. As a registered nurse, I plan to use my experience advocating for military veterans, assisting in the advancement of women's health, as well as participating in health education and



promotion in my community. First stop, graduation, next stop, pass licensure exam! Congratulations to all Class of 2020 graduates, WE DID IT!

Soon-to-be RN,  
Carla Greene



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# Let's work together to stop human trafficking

Submitted by Carolyn DeFord,  
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January was National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. In recognition of this important month, the Puyallup Tribe Domestic Violence Advocacy Program, Children of the River Child Advocacy Center, and partners at Cowlitz Pathways to Healing, Operations for Prostitution Survivors, Innovations HTC, Mother Nation, Washington Trafficking Prevention, and Cedar Rising Coalition joined together for several events.

One of the events #WearBlueDay, was held on Jan. 11 to raise awareness about issue.

### Did you know?

- An estimated 300,000 children are at risk of sexual exploitation annually in the United States.
- The average age of a child lured into sex trafficking is 13.
- The average price of a girl is \$400 per hour.
- Human trafficking is the fastest growing and second largest criminal enterprise



the world and generates an estimated \$34 billion dollars a year worldwide.

- This is preventable!

### What can you do?

Human trafficking is a global crisis we need to be talking about, but don't always know where to begin. In order to talk about it, we need to know what it is, and what we can do about it. We can each make a difference no matter what we do or who we are. Here are three ways you can make a difference:

#### 1. Education is power

Learn about how trafficking happens, what it looks like, and share your knowledge with friends, coworkers

## NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

**CALL**  
1-888-373-7888

**TEXT**  
"BeFree" (233733)

**LIVE CHAT**  
humantraffickinghotline.org

and family. Contact the Puyallup Tribe Community Domestic Violence Advocacy Program at 253-680-5499 for more information or to schedule a training.

#### 2. Report human trafficking – see something say something

If you believe someone is a victim of human trafficking, report suspicious activity to the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or 911 if someone is immediate danger. Never approach the situation.

#### 3. Support anti – trafficking efforts in your community

Attend trainings, participate in awareness events, join fundraisers or volunteer.

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### Missing Juvenile

Isaiah J Bagley, DOB 01-30-2005, Height 5'-09", Weight 240



Isaiah is reported missing from Marysville. He was last seen on the night of 01-05-21 on Marine Drive on the Tulalip Reservation. If you have any information on the whereabouts of Isaiah please contact the Tulalip Police Department 360-716-4608.



### Missing Tulalip Tribal Member TUL -20-3063

Mary E Johnson (Davis) DOB 08-31-1981

On 12-09-2020, Mary Johnson was reported missing by her husband. Mary was last seen walking on Fire Trail Road (140<sup>th</sup>) Tulalip WA on approximately 12-01-2020. Mary had arranged to meet a friend on Fire Trail for a ride to Arlington. It is unknown if Mary ever arrived at her destination. Mary has not been in contact with her family or friends and her phone is turned off. If you have any information on the whereabouts of Mary Johnson please contact Detective David Sallee 360-716-5962 [dsallee@tulaliptribalpolice.org](mailto:dsallee@tulaliptribalpolice.org).



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## Fisheries staff transfer coho to Lake Kapowsin

Tribal fisheries staff transferred 120,000 coho salmon from Clarks Creek Hatchery to Lake Kapowsin during the week of Dec. 29.

Coho rear in net pens until they are ready to migrate downstream into the Puyallup River and out to sea. The net pens allow coho to imprint at Lake Kapowsin so returning adults will spawn in nearby streams and deposit marine nutrients.

Juvenile coho will grow bigger compared to fish at the hatchery, which improves their chances of survival.

*Photos courtesy of Andrew Berger and Julian Close*



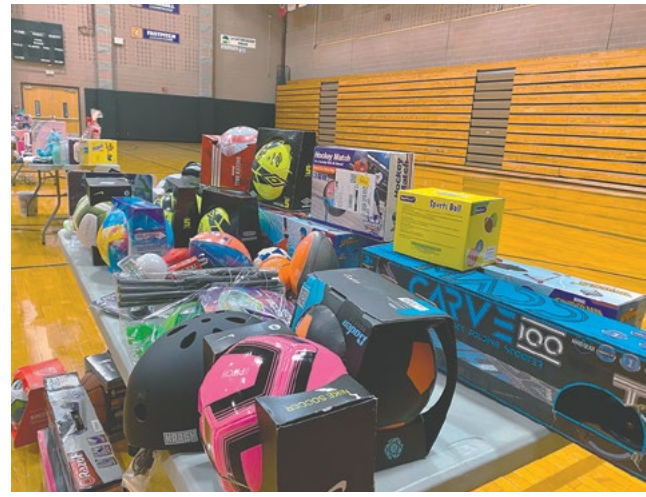
## Toy donations brighten the holidays for CLS families

Chief Leschi Schools held its annual Toys for Tots event on Dec. 21.

“Thank you to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians for providing ‘Toys for Tots’ for our families in need this holiday season,” CLS posted on Facebook. “Families were able to pick from a variety of tables with items for babies to teenagers.”

Puyallup Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Sylvia Miller, Council Member James Rideout and Superintendent Marc Brouillet helped set up the event, which included adequate spacing for families to select stuffed animals, games and other toys in a socially distanced manner.

*Photos courtesy of Chief Leschi Schools*



Council Vice Chairwoman Sylvia Miller (left) and Chief Leschi Superintendent Marc Brouillet (right) help set up items for the event. Chief Leschi's Secondary Office Coordinator Kim Ward arranges Lego toys for the event.



## House of Respect and Power Paddle to Puyallup featured in Illinois exhibit

By Lisa Pemberton, Puyallup Tribal News Editor

The Puyallup Tribe's House of Respect and 2018 Canoe Journey, or the Power Paddle to Puyallup, are featured the Trickster Cultural Center's new exhibit “A Place of Teaching.”

The permanent exhibit features photos and stories about Pacific Northwest and Midwest tribes. Puyallup Tribal Veteran Teddy Simchen helped coordinate photos and stories for the exhibit.

Trickster Cultural Center, located in Schaumburg, Illinois, is a Native American and community arts center that also serves Native American veterans and their needs.

“We are honored to include the Puyallup House of Respect and the amazing



Canoe Journey in our biggest and best in our history exhibit,” said Joe Podlasek, chief executive officer of the Trickster Cultural Center. “Telling our stories from a first voice perspective is so important, thank you to all the Tribal Veterans and community that helped make this possible to share at Trickster.”

The center is closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A virtual gala was held to celebrate the exhibit's opening on Dec. 22. A video of the event can be viewed at [www.tricksterculturalcenter.org](http://www.tricksterculturalcenter.org).

*Photo courtesy of the Trickster Cultural Center*

# Tribe hosts drive-thru Christmas event for Tribal community

Photos and story by Puyallup Tribal Member Alex Harrison

On Friday, Dec. 19, the Puyallup Tribe held a drive-thru Christmas lights display at Chief Leschi Schools.

Social distancing was in place and Tribal community members were asked to stay in their vehicles while they drove around the circle.

The displays were set up by Youth Center Director Lisa Earl and her team, in coordination with 17 other Tribal departments.

“We’re just really happy to see all the children’s faces,” said Earl. “It’s so nice to see so much cheer.”

The rain seemed to stop right as the three-hour event began around 6 p.m. Hundreds of Tribal community members drove through the event.

“The mood is good and everyone seems to be enjoying it,” said Youth Coordinator Mercedes Haack. “It is really nice to see all the kids smile again, and the lights are great.”

At the end of the route, Tribal Council – dressed up as different Christmas characters – handed out stockings to Tribal



youth. The 7-inch stockings were filled with holiday candies.

Chairman Bill Sterud made an appearance on top of the sleigh as Santa, along with his assistant elf, Council Member Anna Bean, who was happily telling everyone to have a Merry Christmas.

**View more photos and videos from the event on the Tribe’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PuyallupTribeOfIndians/>**

# Help protect Puget Sound from stormwater pollution

Submitted by the Sustainability Working Group

What is stormwater?

Stormwater is rain or melted snow that runs off rooftops, paved streets, sidewalks, and parking lots. The rain or melted snow picks up pollution as it runs off these surfaces, empties into drains like the one pictured below, and is deposited into rivers, lakes, and the ocean. This type of stormwater pollution is not treated and is the leading threat to aquatic habitats.

### Polluted stormwater runoff can:

- Harm salmon and their habitat.
- Contaminate swimming areas.

- Pollute shellfish beds.
- Contaminate the groundwater we drink.

### What can you do to help?

- Maintain your vehicle so it doesn’t leak oil, grease, or coolant.
- Reduce your use of fertilizers and pesticides and don’t use these products before it rains.
- Pick up pet waste.
- Maintain your septic system.
- Wash your car at a car wash instead of on the street or in your driveway.
- Don’t pour anything down storm drains.

Remember: Puget Sound starts here! Only rain down the drain!



### Passionate about sustainability? Join our working group

Puyallup Tribal Members, Tribal employees and Tribal community members interested in joining the Sustainability Working Group can get more information by emailing: [Sustainability@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](mailto:Sustainability@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov).

# Serving those who've served – making Tribal veteran wellness a priority

By Michael Sisson  
Puyallup Tribal Veterans Representative

Native Americans serve in the U.S. military at higher rates than other groups and have greatly honored our flag with this service.

However, some Native veterans experience life-long struggles with mental health challenges after separating from service. Sometimes this is because of what they might have seen or experienced during their service, and these challenges can happen whether or not a veteran has seen combat. Sometimes this is because of the difficulties adjusting to life after returning home. Sometimes, there just is no clear reason. Unfortunately, whatever the cause, Native veterans die by suicide at higher rates than non-veterans.

This risk prompted the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to support local VA partnerships with Tribal communities. Specifically, over the last two years, at the VA Puget Sound Healthcare System we have worked with area Tribal communities to develop a suicide prevention program. In this program, we will strive to listen, and learn from Native veterans just as much as we speak. The goal is to have a conversation about wellness and how to support veterans who are struggling.

VA Puget Sound is committed to suicide prevention, and we believe that everyone can play a role in promoting wellness and preventing suicide. Just like there is no single path into a crisis situation, there is no single way out either. Because of this, we need as many tools as possible to help



those we serve. One tool that the VA uses is a program called **S.A.V.E.**, which stands for:

**Signs** – Know the signs of someone in crisis.

**Approach** – What are effective ways of approaching a person and asking if they are suicidal?

**Validate** – Communicate your understanding that the individual is struggling and suffering.

**Encourage** – Encourage the individual to get help, and assist them in doing so by staying with them until they are connected with a professional.

S.A.V.E. is a program designed to bring veterans, their family members, friends, and other community members together. And together, we have a conversation about how to recognize when someone is struggling and how to connect them to additional help.

In this conversation, we are seeking to share steps in suicide prevention that have worked at the VA. We also want to learn about approaches that have worked within the Puyallup community. Finally, we hope to find ways that we can support your efforts to provide compassionate care to Puyallup community members in need.

Would you like to join the conversation? We will be hosting a free session on **Thursday, March 25 from 9 to 11 a.m.** All veterans, their families and friends, and any other members of the Puyallup community are invited to gather with us to talk about this important topic. We will meet virtually via Zoom. If you are willing to join us in this conversation, please e-mail [Larry.Pruitt4@va.gov](mailto:Larry.Pruitt4@va.gov) or call 253-583-2307 to reserve a virtual seat.

## FEBRUARY PARADE CANCELED

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, the Ira Hayes Parade that we typically attend in late February appears to have been canceled.

Find us on Facebook under Puyallup Tribal Veterans

## Legal Notices

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** pursuant to [Puyallup Tribal Code 4.08.100\(c\)](#), due to lack of current contact information, the Court of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians published notice in the [Tacoma Daily Index](#) upon the below-named Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) in regards to the following matters:

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The Court is closed to the public and all docketed hearings shall be held remotely until further notice. Please contact the Court to arrange service of your copy of the case filings and instructions for remote appearance at 1 (253) 680-5585 or via email to [TribalCourtFilings@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov](mailto:TribalCourtFilings@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov).



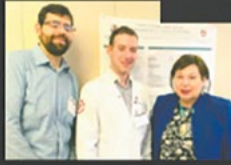
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**For an appointment  
call Melissa at:  
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# siʔabətət Chief's Day

Puyallup Tribal Administrative offices

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Feb. 15**



## Tribe offers game and other meat for Elders

Puyallup Tribal Elders, 55 and older, are eligible to receive elk, deer, buffalo and pork from the Puyallup Tribe's Hunting and Wildlife Department. If you are interested in the program, please contact Dan Sandstrom at 253-405-7504 or Alyrece McCloud at 253-222-5682.



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