

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Newsletter, Volume 41, Issue 5, May 2020

## COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis and Tribal Operations

A message from W. Ron Allen, Tribal Council Chair/CEO

Greetings Jamestown S'Klallam Citizens!

I write to share some thoughts and provide insights on my view of the COVID-19 Crisis. It is very real even though we have had a light number on the Olympic Peninsula. As of this writing between Jefferson and Clallam County the number is approximately 42 cases and they are all in quarantine and under control. Our Public Health Care officials Dr. Allison Unthank (Clallam County) and Dr. Tom Locke (Jefferson County and Jamestown Tribe) have been providing outstanding counsel and recommendations on how we all can contribute to Governor Jay Inslee's "Stay-at-Home" containment order to control the spread of the virus. To say the obvious, it has been difficult for all of us and for all of America.

We have had to shut down our 7 Cedars Casino, the Cedars at Dungeness Golf Course, tNorthwest Native Expressions Art Gallery, our Dental Clinic and our EDA businesses. These drastic measures have dramatically reduced our Tribal revenues. Our fishers for geoduck, shrimp, crab, etc. can fish if they could find a market, but with restaurants closed, their income stream has been hit hard too.

Subsequently, we have had to lay off or furlough hundreds of our employees. We have been carrying their health care as long as we financially are able. Our Human Resources department has been working feverishly at providing our current and laid-off employees information on options for unemployment payments including the federal stimulus legislation waiving the waiting week, and adding \$600/week to these payments, as well as their options for accessing their 401K resources and alternative health care coverage.

We can be thankful that our Health Clinic remains open to provide the "front line" health services, but we are challenged to provide these services safely, and have begun providing "drive-thru" tests and tele-health services. We do not receive adequate compensation for these services but are trying to offset the lost revenue through federal and state COVID-19 relief funding. We're making it work.

We have closed our offices to the general public but have retained what we feel are essential staff to provide essential services and support to our community, families and Elders including surplus food and meals. You can still reach us. All existing staff have had to cut back on salaries and hours to assure we retain these

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# Responding to COVID-19 at the Clinic

## Jamestown Family Health Clinic has received an Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 test machine from Indian Health Service.

This is a Point of Care diagnostic tool which will allow JFHC to perform on-site testing of our patients, with results back in under 20 minutes. This on-site testing machine has been deployed to the Respiratory Clinic starting Tuesday, April 21. The criteria for COVID-19 testing for this clinic-based machine is the same as for testing sent to OMC (and on to UWMC lab). While the criteria for testing, set by our Public Health officials evolves with time and is dependent on testing supplies, essentially any patient with concerning symptoms who presents to the clinic is eligible for testing. The most up to date test criteria can be found at <http://www.clallam.net/coronavirus/>

The test is not designed for mass screening, nor for testing asymptomatic patients, at this time. This on-site, quick results option will be helpful for anyone with symptoms who tests positive, in that they will have test results at the time of their visit, and can be counseled accordingly regarding isolation and medical management. Results will be reported to public health officials, so that appropriate contact tracing can be completed. As the sensitivity (ability to detect COVID-19 virus infection) of the test is not yet established, a Negative test result needs to be carefully interpreted, within the context of the patient's symptoms and exposure history. Patients for whom there is high clinical suspicion for COVID-19 infection, but whom test negative, may need a second test sent off to Olympic Medical Center, and will still be directed to quarantine themselves while any concerning symptoms resolve. Additionally, we are reaching out to our partners at OMC and Clallam County Department of Health regarding how we might extend this testing option to appropriate individuals, who are not JFHC patients. Updates on this resource will be provided as we gain more experience.

~ Paul Cunningham, MD, Chief Medical Officer

## Jamestown Family Health Clinic has responded to the pandemic in many ways.

Separate entrances have been established for patients with any symptoms of the virus.

Patients are fitted with masks upon entry to the clinic (see opposite page for more information about our volunteer mask makers).

All providers have been trained in telemedicine appointments, a new alternative for patients who do not want or need to come to the clinic for a face-to-face visit.

The Anti-Coagulation clinic for patients on blood thinners has been moved into a heated, outdoor tent, so that those folks do not need to enter the clinic and expose themselves to possible germs.

At right, an outdoor tent houses staff who take temperatures and check symptoms before possible COVID-19 patients enter the clinic through a separate entrance, to keep them separated from non-symptomatic patients



Signage directs clients to two different entrances, depending on their symptoms. Signs were designed by the staff in the Tribe's House of Myths, and installed by Tribal facilities workers.





# Mask Makers Provide Protective Gear

Irene Snodgrass, mother of Michelle Grinnell (former JFHC nurse, and wife of Jack Grinnell), and her friends Marilyn Wilson and Eunice Kattmeyer sewed 100 masks for the clinic. The three women are members of the Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Club, which continues to sew masks by the hundreds for clinics and nursing homes throughout the county, arranging for drive-by drop-off and pick up every Wednesday. Also sewing masks is the mother of Molly Martin, DNP, ARNP Deputy Medical Director, Population Health.



Patients are given masks when they enter the clinic, and return them when they leave, so that they can be laundered according to CDC guidelines, and reused. About 70% of the people entering are already wearing their own masks. Shown here are Bridgette Light, Tribal citizen, and Caylie Cook, both Patient Care Coordinators.



At left, Rochelle Blankenship has made several dozen masks and delivered them to Elders who live in the area. "I have been just leaving them on porches or in mailboxes so everyone stays safe during the transaction," said Blankenship, adding that Elder Coordinator Jeremy Monson was helpful in identifying those who might need masks. Paula Allen made masks for staff at the Longhouse Market. Betty Oppenheimer made masks for Facilities and Northwest Native Expressions staff. Many others have been making masks for friends and co-workers.

# Don't Get Scammed by COVID-19 Relief

Scammers are experts at shifting tactics and changing their messages to catch you off guard. This is especially true as they take advantage of anxieties related to the Coronavirus. Here's an alert about some current government imposter scams using COVID-19 that are popping up on the Federal Trade Commission's radar.

## Medicare scams

Scammers might call to offer things like a "COVID-19 kit," "Coronavirus package," or Medicare benefits related to the virus. But they'll ask you to verify personal information like your bank account, Social Security, or Medicare numbers. If you get a call from someone who says they're a Medicare representative and they ask for this information, hang up. It's a scam, not Medicare calling. Report it to the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://ftc.gov/complaint).

## Relief payment messages from "government agencies"

The FTC is getting a lot of reports about fraudulent calls, texts, and emails coming from people pretending to be from the Social Security Administration, IRS, Census, USCIS and the FDIC. These fake government messages might say that you're approved for money, can get quick relief payments, or get cash grants due to the Coronavirus. Scammers might also promise you small business loans, or send a (phishing) alert that a check is ready to be picked up. These are all scams, and none of those messages come from a government agency.

If you respond to these calls or messages, they might ask you for money, personal information, or both. Don't give it. And remember that the surest sign of a scam is anyone who asks you to send cash, pay with a gift card, wire money, or pay with cryptocurrency.

There is even a scam that sends you a "check" for \$1200 that looks like it might be your COVID-19 relief check. But it's not from the federal government, and it is designed to get your bank information. Don't cash or deposit it!

Stay on top of all types of imposter scams by visiting [ftc.gov/imposters](https://ftc.gov/imposters), and sign up for the FTC's Consumer Alerts to get the latest on all kinds of scams.



*(Chairman's Message, continued from page 1)*

services through the state-wide shut down and have enough revenue as we gear our programs back up when the crisis is over, and our businesses open up again.

Rest assured the State will open back up. It will be a slow recovery, but we will make it work. We will survive. This has been a challenge that no one has ever experienced and we're doing our part.

My days have been filled with back-to-back phone and Zoom conferences providing reassurances that we'll make sure any federal or state relief legislation includes Tribes, our businesses and community. Meanwhile, stay safe, practice good hygiene, wear masks in public and have faith as we emerge from this historic world-wide crisis.

If you have questions or clarifications, you are always welcome to call me at 360-681-4621 or e-mail me at [rallen@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:rallen@jamestowntribe.org) and I will be more than happy to share them or respond to your inquiries.

God Bless,

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chair/CEO

# COVID-19 Update from Human Resources

The COVID-19 Pandemic has required the Tribe and our business entities to make difficult decisions around employment and staffing, in an effort meet the financial and operational conditions the pandemic has caused to the Tribe. Our goal has always been to protect employees and Tribal resources and to do so, we needed to make operational decisions to adapt to our current conditions over these trying times.

As a result, the Tribe has taken a multifaceted approach to meet our current challenges. At this time, the Tribe has conducted temporary layoffs in departments where operational demands have declined. We have conducted a 10% reduction in pay for salaried staff and a 10% furlough for hourly workers. Please note - that the majority of our Medical Clinic staff are exempt of these efforts as they are on the front line of this pandemic. For our laid off workers at the Tribe, we are able to maintain health coverage through May. HR has been working with employees impacted by the temporary layoff on their options under unemployment and the CARES Act.

Each Jamestown Tribal business entity has been tasked with making the decisions that best address their unique business situations in collaboration with their Boards. 7 Cedars, our largest Jamestown entity, has had to make many difficult decisions during this time. The majority of the 7 Cedars team has been on a temporary layoff since mid-March. We are currently running our Longhouse Market operations and keeping a small skeleton crew to keep the day to day functions operating in anticipation of our reopen date. 7 Cedars is evaluating this situation closely and as soon as we can safely resume business operations, we will be making those decisions and plan towards reopening.

The Tribe is monitoring this situation closely. Each day we are adjusting to a rapidly changing environment, and we must react fluidly and be nimble in our response to new information. We continue to update employees as these changes occur. We believe in treating our employees like extended family and we will continue to rely each other to get through this. We understand these are difficult times and we are working hard to help our employees the best we can. Our executive team is meeting weekly to address our current situation and making decisions according to new updates and conditions.

If you have additional questions, please contact HR by email at [hr@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:hr@jamestowntribe.org). Wishing you all safety and wellness during these challenging times. We are all in this together.

Thank you,

Human Resources





# We Remember: Gail Feeley

## 10/20/1943 - 3/12/2020



Gail Feeley, born on October 20, 1943 in Seattle to Nettie and William "Bill" Harrigan passed on March 12, 2020 in Kirkland, Washington.

Gail had been living at Life Care Center in Kirkland since September 2019 – the facility with some of the first COVID-19 cases in WA. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, her daughter and grandson visited and were told about a respiratory illness at the facility, but Gail showed no signs of illness at that time. Within a few days, she was admitted to Evergreen Hospital, where she died of COVID-19 after 8 days in the Intensive Care Unit.

Gail grew up in Seattle, mainly in the north end of the Richmond Beach area and attended Shoreline High School. Gail was married to Mike Feeley and had two children and two stepchildren. She is survived by: Matt (son) and his two son's Robert and Tyler, Patricia (daughter) and her son

Kyle, Timothy Feeley (stepson), and Holly Shimwell (honorary stepdaughter).

Gail was especially proud of her Northwest Indian and Irish heritages. She was a Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Elder who traced her heritage through her mother Nettie Campbell Harrigan; grandmother Eva Carroll Campbell; and her great-grandparents John Carroll and Rebecca Nettie Raey, both of whom were half-S'Klallam. Through her father's heritage she traced her lines back to coming to America from Ireland in the 1800's. Her father was one of 11 "Harrigan" boys born in California, as second generation Americans, around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Gail always delighted in being social and sharing her smile and sunny outlook. She enjoyed people and having fun by making

times feel like a party to be celebrated, no matter the occasion. Live, Love, Laugh was her recipe and motto for life. She worked in several capacities but the longest was as a self-employed tax preparer and bookkeeper. She worked from the family home while she raised her children. She loved to spend time cooking, sewing, and gardening.

She was loved and will be dearly missed by many family and friends. There will be an Irish wake and celebration for family and friends as soon as we can gather and remember her!



# River Center Build Goes Out to Bid

Although the world is a bit topsy-turvy right now due to COVID-19, the Dungeness River Audubon Center has good news to report on its upcoming expansion/remodel project. After four years of planning, three years of developing a design and three years of fundraising, on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the project was advertised for bid! Interested general contractors and sub-contractors will be reviewing the plans, designs and building specifications and preparing cost proposal bids for review by members of the design team. The bid package consists of two separate scopes of work, one for the remodel/addition to the Center and one for parking lot, access road and park host sites.

The Center's facilities and Railroad Bridge Park are owned by the Tribe and operated/managed jointly along with the River Center, Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, National Audubon and Washington State Audubon. Although technically a River Center project, the Tribe will oversee all aspects of construction, following the provisions of its Title 29 - Building and Development Code for the building (on reservation land) and under Clallam County permit requirements for the parking lot, access road and park host sites (fee land subject to state and county permit requirements).

With the bids due on May 5<sup>th</sup>, it is hoped that Governor Inslee's "Stay at Home" restrictions will ease and this much anticipated construction project can commence. Stay tuned for the groundbreaking ceremony and for news on the project as it moves to complete, anticipated for June 2021.



**Please see our ad for Construction Workers on page 15.**



# “Virtual” Healing of the Canoe via Zoom

Healing of the Canoe classes began the second week of April via Zoom (on-line video meetings). We had a funny hat competition (see photo below), which Phin and Caitlin won! We have two classes per week to stay connected and do lessons.

The Children’s Program (our salmon and otter groups) started the third week of April, and a teen group shortly thereafter, as well as a Girl’s and Boys group once each in April.

We are taking requests from our youth and children participants for cultural or art supplies and will be dropping off to their homes. We are also supporting our families to make sure they have their needs met for food security, connecting and navigating resources and continued learning.

~Dustin Brenske and Jessica Humphries



## DEADLINES FOR JAMESTOWN HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS (FOR ENROLLED CITIZENS)

Spring Quarter - February 15<sup>th</sup>

Summer Term - April 15<sup>th</sup>

Fall Quarter /Fall Semester - June 15<sup>th</sup>

Winter Quarter/Spring Semester - November 15<sup>th</sup>

For information on Higher Education funding, contact Melisa Phippen at 360-681-4626 or [mpippen@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:mpippen@jamestowntribe.org)



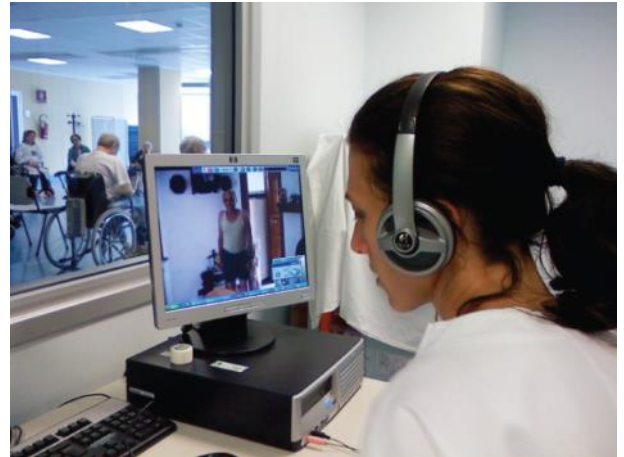
# Tele-Health Therapy Available

Times are different and you may feel as if you need additional support or someone to talk to.

Most insurance companies have now approved the ability to visit a counselor either by video on your phone or laptop or even just talking on the phone.

These additional conveniences are important at a time when we are isolating to keep safe but also want to manage our emotional health. Depression can creep in when routines change and connections with other people are decreased, for children and adults.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to get additional support. 360-681-4612 or [dbrenske@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:dbrenske@jamestowntribe.org)



## New Therapy Helps Resolve PTSD

Dustin Brenske, one of the Tribe's Behavioral Health Therapists, has completed her training in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), a therapy that helps people heal trauma or distressing life experiences. This form of therapy is proven to be effective and is now evidence based.

EMDR is a structured therapy that encourages the patient to briefly focus on the trauma memory while simultaneously experiencing bilateral stimulation (typically eye movements), which is associated with a reduction in the vividness and emotion associated with the trauma memories.

Unlike other treatments that focus on directly altering the emotions, thoughts and responses resulting from traumatic experiences, EMDR therapy focuses directly on the memory, and is intended to change the way that the memory is stored in the brain, thus reducing and eliminating the problematic symptoms.

"I have already seen amazing results in my clinical work and have found this therapy can also decrease depression, anxiety, fears, phobias, addictions, interpersonal issues (relationships) and attachment disorders," she said.

Brenske will continue over the next two years to become a certified trainer.

"During the Stay at Home Order, in-person sessions will look different, as information gathering, intake and assessment, and client preparation will have to be done distantly. I am currently receiving consultation and education about doing the actual EMDR processing through telehealth. It's a thing!!," she said.

**Attention Tribal Citizens and Descendants Who Will Graduate  
from High School or College in 2020!**

**ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS YEAR?**

**WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!**

Please let us know:

- Your name
- Your Tribal family, and any relatives you want to mention
- Your school and the degree earned
- Your future plans.

**Please contact Higher Education Coordinator Melisa Phippen by June 15th** so that the Tribe may recognize and congratulate you in the July Tribal newsletter and at the Qwen Seyu Tribal Picnic on August 8th!

Melisa Phippen, 360-681-4626 or [mphippen@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:mphippen@jamestowntribe.org)

# Census 2020 Pies!

**If you have not yet filled out your Census, please do so. Access the form at <https://2020census.gov>. It's short and simple!**



Luke Strong-Cvetich (Tribal Planner) and Whe Whe Olitza (Tribal Elder) did some fun Census2020 outreach back in early March before the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown the state. The outreach was supported by Na'ah Illahee Fund and Philanthropy NW Census Equity Fund. The Tribe purchased almost 100 pies from a local café (using funding from Philanthropy NW) and delivered them to Tribal Elders who are enrolled in the meal delivery program.

The pie was chosen as fun way to communicate and reinforce the importance of the 2020 Census. We often hear about the census results determining amounts of funding and representation at the federal level and “the importance of getting our fair slice of the pie.” Delivering pies also provided a meaningful way to talk with Tribal Elders about Census and potentially created a lasting message that could be shared while enjoying a slice of pie.

The pie box had a note attached to it as well to further reinforce the census message.

Here is the note we delivered with the pie:

*Let this pie serve as a friendly reminder to participate in the 2020 Census. It is especially important for all American Indians and Alaska Natives to make sure they participate in the Census. Past undercounts of Native populations have deprived hundreds of thousands of American Indians of their voice in government affairs. Your response to the 2020 Census helps determine how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year.*

*To ensure that you are included in all the counts as American Indian or Alaska Native, only check American Indian or Alaska Native box on the form. While we never want to discount the multiple heritage identities people may have, we do want our Tribal community to be aware of the implications selecting multiple races will have.*

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This photo of Whe Whe, Harold Hammer, and Luke was taken before COVID social distancing.



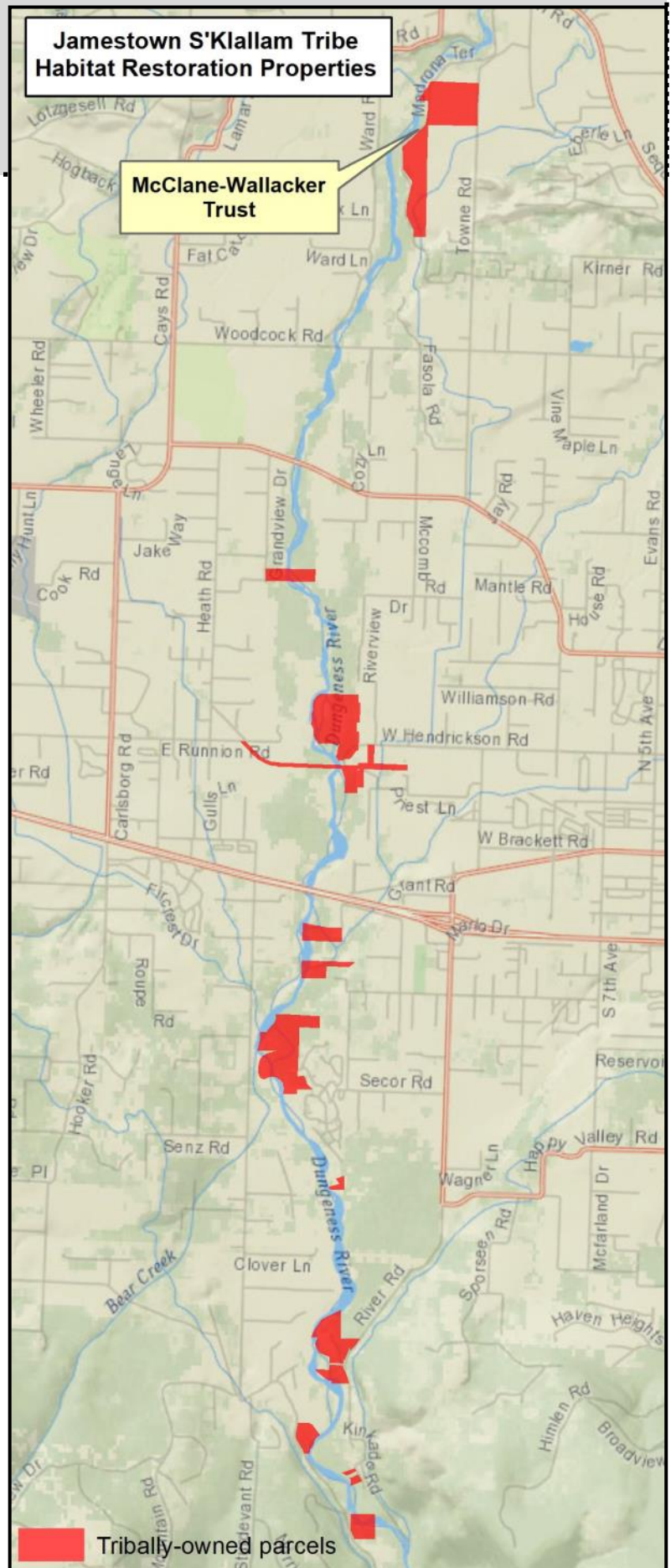
# Restoring the Habitat, Restoring the Salmon

The Jamestown people have hunted and fished the Dungeness Watershed since time immemorial, but the last two centuries of “development” along the river have harmed the fish and wildlife in the Dungeness River system and left several salmon species on the brink of extinction. The Boldt Decision of 1974 affirmed that the Tribes of Washington State have the right to half the annual salmon catch, but what is half of a diminishing species?

In the early 1990s the Tribe began to investigate the decline of salmon in the Dungeness River Watershed. Studies revealed that one of the most limiting factors for fish was the degradation of riverine habitat. Over the last two centuries, the Dungeness River corridor has been logged, cleared, developed for housing, diked, drained and mined for gravel - activities that have had a negative effect on fish habitat and consequently fish populations.

In 1999, the State of Washington established the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) which awards grants through the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery fund to address salmon habitat restoration. The Tribe has been a recipient of SRFB grants and has used that funding to purchase property along the Dungeness River to remove infrastructure and restore the habitat by replanting with native vegetation.

Before the Tribe can use SRFB grant funding to acquire property, an environmental analysis must be done and any contamination that is found has to be cleaned-up. The map shows where the Tribe’s **EPA Brownfields Tribal Response Program** has partnered with the Tribe’s **Habitat Restoration Program** to perform assessment and cleanup and to help restore salmon habitat along the Dungeness River. In 2020 the program assisted with the **McLane Wallacker Trust** acquisition and the partial acquisition of the Brown property. All the properties have conservation easements/ salmon deed of rights and they cannot be developed.



# yəhúmæct Traditional Foods Program

by Lisa Barrell, and Mackenzie Grinnell

April has been one of the longer months in the yəhúmæct Traditional Foods & Culture Program. Sheltering in place has made it easy to lose track of time and days. Mack and I are lucky when it comes to our jobs. Our hours have been cut by 10% but we are still able to do what needs to be done to keep the program going. We've been able to reach citizens through our Facebook page yəhúmæct Jamestown S'Klallam Traditional Foods & Culture (please join our page!) by posting videos on plants, medicine making and food preparation. This time has also allowed us to catch up on program paperwork and to submit next year's continuing application for the grant. The good news? We've been awarded our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of funding!

## q̓péct ʔiʔ kʷúkʷ -Gather and Cook

Since we are no longer able to come together physically, we hosted a virtual q̓péct ʔiʔ kʷúkʷ -Gather and Cook, on April 28th. Jamestown Fresh" food boxes were distributed with all the ingredients needed to prepare the meal and we came together on ZOOM and prepare a nettle, bean, sausage immunity soup virtually. I'll let you know next month how it went! If you are interested in joining us in May and if you can pick up a Jamestown Fresh box at the Tribal office (one per household), we'll be preparing a black cod street taco on May 26th. Jamestown Fresh food boxes are limited to twenty so if we have over twenty interested citizens, we'll have to do a drawing. Wouldn't that be a nice problem to have... too many people wanting to participate?! Maybe this sheltering in place will be over and we'll be able to meet in person. That's something to dream about.

## cácu sčaʔyiqʷ - Riverside Berry Farm and the cácu sxʷčənéʔnə - Riverside Garden

Social distancing has also left us with time to focus on the cácu sčaʔyiqʷ - Riverside Berry Farm and the cácu sxʷčənéʔnə - Riverside Garden. háʔnəʔ cn to my daughter Emma and her husband David for donating what felt like (after planting all of them...) 500,000 strawberry plants to the berry farm. After planting all those strawberries, I returned the following day to find over half of them had been eaten by the resident deer.

I am happy to report to all the cácu sčaʔyiqʷ planting volunteers that I am seeing life in those sticks we planted! I was holding my breath for over a month thinking all that work was for nothing. I look forward to the time when we will have a berry producing farm.

## stətiłəm ʔiyám -Jamestown Strong

Since we had to cancel the traditional foods dinner to kick off the new "stətiłəm ʔiyám -Jamestown Strong" Wellness and Community Garden program we had to think of different ways to keep the program going. Mack successfully held a virtual kick off meeting on April 15th. Participants joined via ZOOM and the program was laid out for the following four weeks. Participants also put in their requests for what they'd like to see planted at the cácu sxʷčənéʔnə - Riverside Community Garden. By the time you read this article,

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Raised planter beds were installed outside the entrance to the Elder Lounge, as well as at the Bell Street Apartments, to facilitate a Summer 2020 garden at both locations.



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there will still be two virtual meetings remaining, “growing strong” May 6th and “feeding strong” on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us. Last year we held a planter box workshop and we had such an overwhelming response that we promised to offer another workshop this year. Funding from the stə́tíʔəm ʔiyám program made it possible. As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, we had two kits remaining. If you able to pick a kit up at the Tribal office, join us during our virtual meeting on May 6th and request a kit. Instructions and a video on how to build the planter box will also be available.

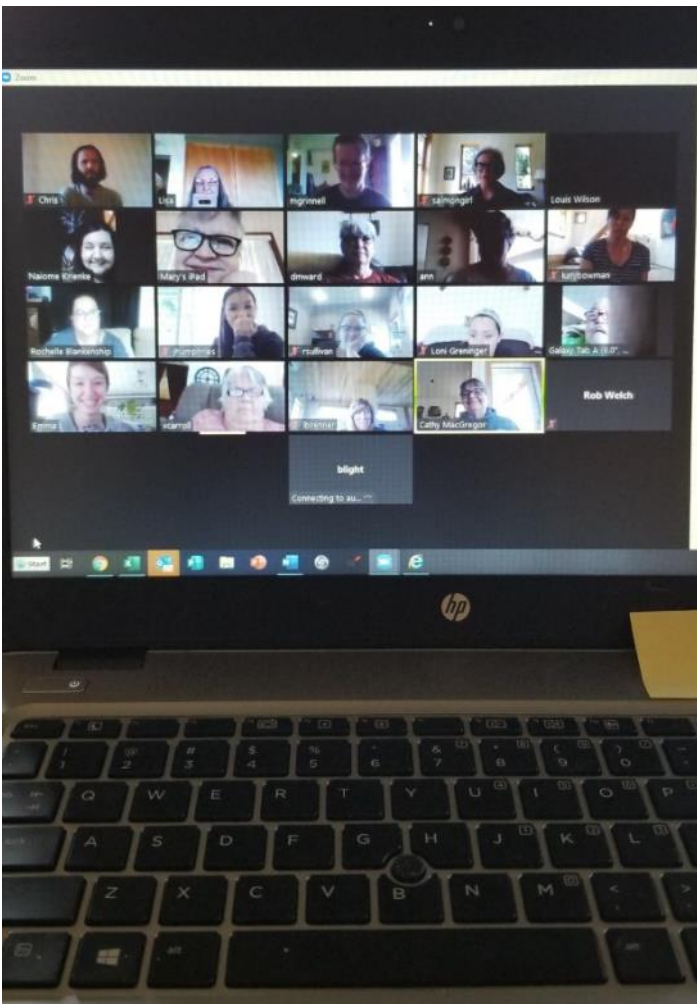
COVID -19 has left us in uncharted territory. As Natives we are accustomed to coming together, especially in times like this, so if you need to talk to someone or to get outside give Mack or I a call. We can talk plants, recipes and offer time outside to work in the community garden.

For those with Facebook, we have started a private page for citizens and descendants to share plant information, recipes, stories and discussions we want to keep within the Tribe. You are welcome to join us at Jamestown S’Klallam Traditional Foods & Culture.

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Lisa & Mack

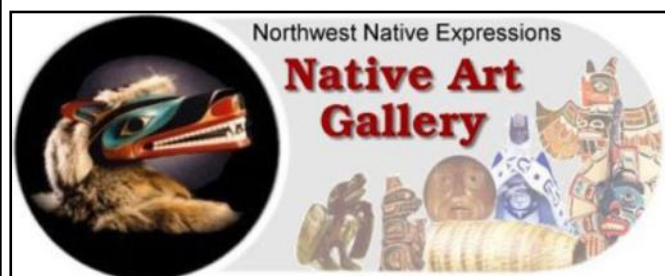
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The virtual Jamestown Strong meeting



**Clallam Transit, in cooperation with Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, is temporarily suspending the Jamestown Campus Route #50 service due to COVID-19 concerns. This suspension is effective beginning Thursday, April 16, 2020. Dial-A-Ride options are available. Please contact Jim Fetzer, Clallam Transit Operation Manager by tomorrow, Tuesday, April 14 for instructions on arranging Dial-A-Ride service. Jim can be reached at 360-417-1370. Clallam Transit is also reducing service on some of their other routes. Please check their website at [clallamtransit.com](http://clallamtransit.com) for the latest schedule changes/updates.**



## NORTHWEST NATIVE EXPRESSIONS GALLERY

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360-681-4640

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## Sports Betting at Casinos Approved

On March 25, Washington Governor Inslee signed into law ESHB 2638, the bill to legalize sports betting on the premises of tribal casinos in Washington State.

"We will be adding sports betting as an amenity to our gaming floor," said 7 Cedars Executive Director Jerry Allen. "We will negotiate with the State on this new activity and expect it to be approved and available by late fall. The effort to legalize sports betting and bring it into the light of day has been greatly supported by the Governor and many legislators. 7 Cedars is looking forward to hosting sporting events around this new opportunity."

This action is an important development for the future of tribal communities in Washington State, and Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA) Executive Director Rebecca Kaldor issued the following statement:

"We thank Governor Inslee for joining bipartisan majorities in the legislature to pass this careful and thoughtful approach to sports betting. The revenue generated by tribal gaming funds critical needs in our communities, and it enhances the lives of both tribal and nontribal Washingtonians. Tribal communities and governments are currently dealing with the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, with many tribal governments focusing on essential services and shutting down business activities such as casinos. As we recover from this crisis, the addition of this amenity will help tribal governments fund the essential services their members will need to get back up on their feet."

## Tribal Library Adds COVID-19 Resources

We've added a special box at the top of our Library website home page: <http://library.jamestowntribe.org/home> "COVID-19 Resources" to make it easier to find the information you need.

Some good news in these hard times, especially for parents coping with little ones at home. We now have complimentary access to TumbleBooks (through August!) on our Library website. On the Children's page: <http://library.jamestowntribe.org/home/children> you'll find TumbleBooks and TumbleMath for K-6. On the Teen page: <http://library.jamestowntribe.org/home/Teens> you'll find TeenBookCloud. Both contain ebooks, audiobooks, videos, games and more.

And for those who need curricula, check our <http://library.jamestowntribe.org/home/ParentsTeachers> for Native knowledge modules and other teaching tools.

If you need help with accessing any of these resources, please email [library@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:library@jamestowntribe.org) and we'll be happy to help.

Be well everyone!

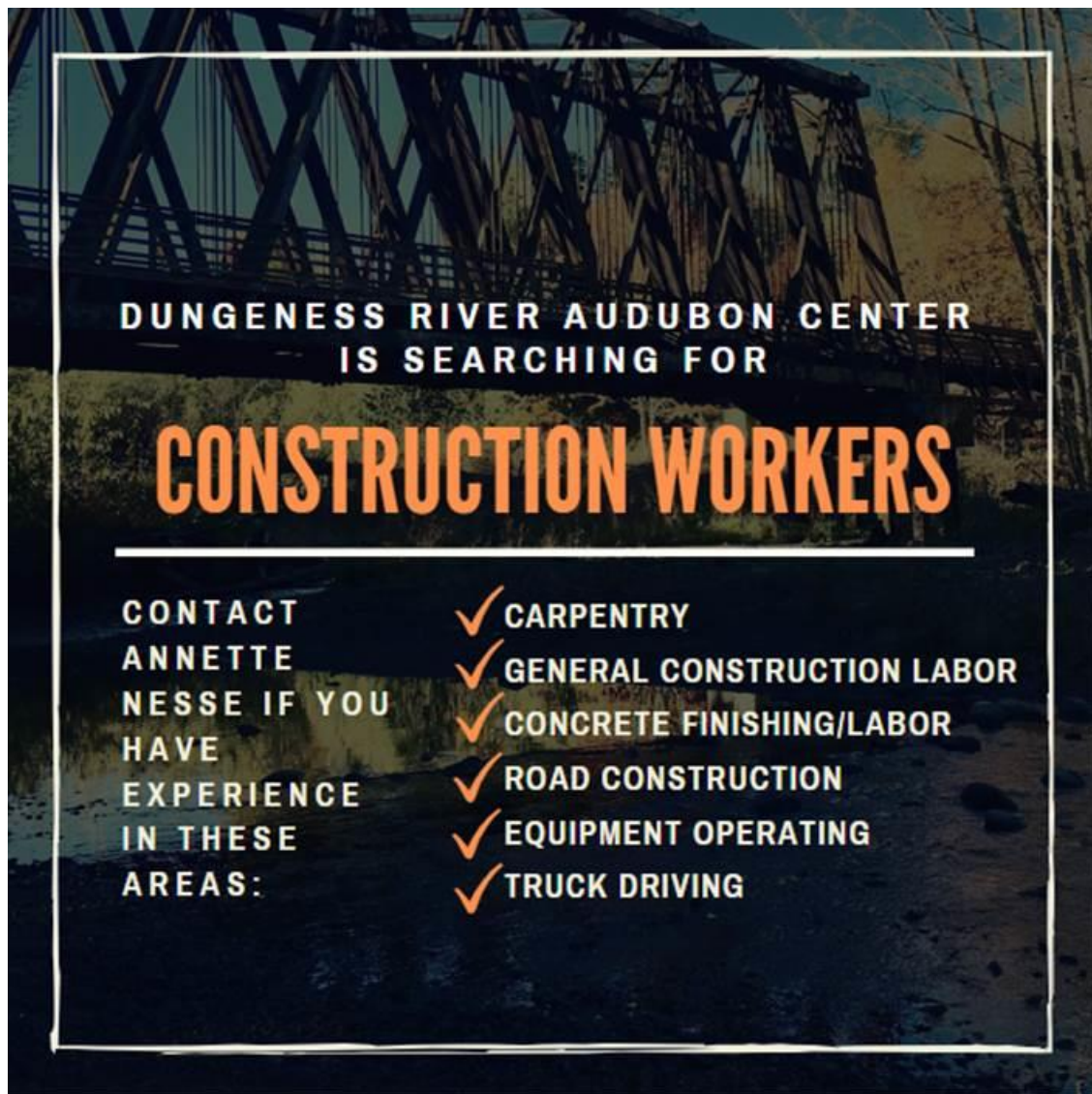
## Election News

Signature verification forms have been sent to Tribal citizens who did not have them on file with the Election Board. Please return your form as soon as possible, as the Election Board is in the midst of an audit of registered voters.

If you have not received any correspondence from the Election Board, it means that you are not registered to vote. We will mail you a registration packet if you call 1-800-262-6603 Extension 2029, and leave us your name and address.

The Election Board wants the Tribal citizenry to know that the 2020 Tribal Council Election will be an important one because three positions will be open. Vice-Chair and Treasurer were scheduled for elections this year. But with the appointment of a new Secretary to fill out Lisa Barrell's term, the Secretary position will also be up for reelection. Think about whether you are interested in becoming a candidate, and remember to cast your vote when ballots come out in the fall!





The Dungeness River Audubon Center is preparing for their upcoming expansion and remodel project. Once a general contractor is hired, positions on the construction crew may be available. Jamestown Tribal Citizens, qualified for available positions, will be provided an opportunity to apply and be considered for work.

This exciting 5000+ square foot expansion project will include natural science exhibit space, classroom/meeting space, bird viewing area, staff office space, commercial kitchen, food/beverage concessions as well as a new access road and parking lot!

For more information about this project go to:  
[https://dungenessrivercenter.org/our\\_story/building-expansion](https://dungenessrivercenter.org/our_story/building-expansion)

If you are interested in bringing your skills to this project, please email your qualifications and questions to Annette Nesse at [anese@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:anese@jamestowntribe.org).

## Culture Corner

### Paddle to Snuneymuxw 2020

**Tribal Journeys Paddle to Snuneymuxw Cancelled Due to COVID-19**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the emergency public health crisis that is impacting communities, Snuneymuxw First Nation has cancelled hosting Tribal Journeys on July 27 – August 1, 2020. Protecting the health and wellbeing of the public is the greatest priority while following the health orders issued by the Public Health Officer.

Chief Mike Wyse said on behalf of Snuneymuxw First Nation that “Covid-19 poses a serious threat to the health and well-being of paddlers, Canoe Families and First Nations across the Pacific Northwest. Given the enormous health and safety risk to participants of Tribal Journeys 2020, we have decided that it is in the best interest of everyone that Snuneymuxw cancel hosting Tribal Journeys this year. There will be many questions given we are in unprecedented times. We ask for the understanding and support of those who are assisting to plan, organize and fund Tribal Journeys 2020. Your partnership with Snuneymuxw is appreciated and I know we will work through this together. If there is an opportunity for Snuneymuxw to resume as hosts for Tribal Journeys sometime in the future, we are honored to do that.”

Due to Covid-19 and its uncertainty, no in-person cultural events or classes will be scheduled during the month of May. Some events may be available via the Zoom App. Please keep an eye on Facebook, or contact Vickie Carroll at [vcarroll@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:vcarroll@jamestowntribe.org), or at 360-681-4659 for information.

### Nominate the Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year award is intended to go to that individual or group who has shown *selfless generosity* by volunteering a significant contribution of time and talents in service to the Tribe and its mission.

To be eligible, the nominee must be an adult or youth who provided volunteer service unrelated to paid activities or employment in service to the Tribe.

Volunteer of the Year Nominating Forms are available at the Tribe's website ([www.jamestowntribe.org](http://www.jamestowntribe.org), on the Announcements page), and in the Administration Building lobby. Forms should be sent to Ann Sargent at [asargent@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:asargent@jamestowntribe.org), or by mail to her attention **by July 1, 2020**. The Volunteer of the Year will be recognized in the Tribal newsletter and at the Tribal Picnic in August.

### Rental assistance is available for eligible, low-income Tribal Citizens on a first come first served basis.

Rental units are provided by the Tribe in the Sequim or Port Angeles area. The rent is calculated not to exceed 30% of the household income. Income information must be provided to the Housing Program on an annual basis, as well as if there are any changes in income for any family member [increase or decrease] throughout the year to remain eligible for the program.

For more information/application please contact:

Kayla Holden  
Jamestown Housing Program Assistant  
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[kholden@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:kholden@jamestowntribe.org)  
or Ann Jagger  
Jamestown Housing Program Manager  
360-681-3411  
[ajagger@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:ajagger@jamestowntribe.org)



# Calendar of Events: May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Virtual Jamestown Strong Meeting, page 13	7	8	9
10 Mothers' Day	11	12	13 Virtual Jamestown Strong meeting, page 13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 Memorial Day Holiday	26 (Virtual) Gather and Cook (if shelter in place order is still in effect)	27	28	29	30

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**JAMESTOWN FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC**  
**808 NORTH 5TH AVE. SEQUIM, WA**  
**PHONE: 360-683-5900**

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;  
 Sat. 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. for both routine and  
 as-needed appointments.

## Websites:

Tribal Government: [www.jamestowntribe.org](http://www.jamestowntribe.org)

7 Cedars Resort/Casino: [www.7cedars.com](http://www.7cedars.com)

Tribal Library: <http://library.jamestowntribe.org>

Tribal Online Museum: [www.tribalmuseum.jamestowntribe.org](http://www.tribalmuseum.jamestowntribe.org)

Healing Campus: [www.jamestownhealingcampus.org](http://www.jamestownhealingcampus.org)

## Facebook Pages:

Tribal Government: [www.facebook.com/JamestownSKlallamTribe](https://www.facebook.com/JamestownSKlallamTribe)

Tribal Library: <https://www.facebook.com/Jamestown-SKlallam-Tribal-Library-468983403143461/>

S'Klallam Tribal Events and Announcements: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sklallam.events.announcements/>

Children and Youth Programs: <https://www.facebook.com/jsktchildrenandyouth/>

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Jamestown Family Health Clinic: <https://www.facebook.com/Jamestown-Family-Health-Clinic-191450454240502/>

<https://www.facebook.com/7CedarsCasino/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCedarsAtDungeness/>

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1	Joshua Freeman	15	Kriska Obermiller
2	Michelle Lamanna	15	Clyde Bill
2	Nichole Magill	16	Theodore Woodard Jr.
4	Ellen Flores	16	Cory Shoemake
4	Jon Donahue	20	Latrisha Suggs
5	Mary Norton	21	Veronica Davidson
5	Crystal Neu	21	Jeremy Holden
5	Victoria Davidson	21	Jason Holden
7	Theodore Woodard	22	Denise Doud
8	Jokton Schmitt	22	Rachelle Thummel
8	Nathaniel King	22	Christian Lounsbury
8	Jerry Lawrence	24	Sherryann Courtney
8	Dixie Herman	24	Theresa Lehman
8	Betty Kettel	25	Alan Kardonsky
8	Dean Holden	25	Ethel Colon
10	Kathleen Duncan	25	Norman Stahlnecker
10	Nichole Red Elk	26	Gladys Howard
11	David Prince	26	Jimmy Hall
12	Michael Daniels	27	Dawn Callea
13	Victor Knickerbocker	27	Donald Simmonds
13	Marian Straker	29	Nicholas Grinnell
14	Emily Croft	30	Sandy Kardonsky
15	Candace Burkhardt	31	Hannah Carver
15	Wachekya Roberts	31	Kathryn Holling

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1-800-447-6826  
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360-683-2025  
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360-681-3400  
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