

# the georgetown connection

Connecting generations of Georgetown tribal members to the roots of their traditional community. Spring 2023



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## Award



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## Council Meeting



## Lifetime Achievement Award



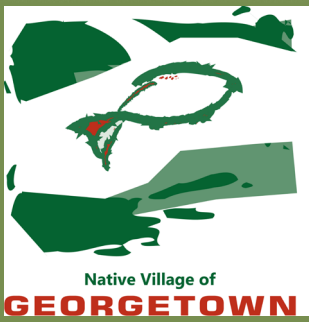
Jonathan Samuelson is the recipient of the 2023 Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management Lifetime Achievement award. This award goes to an individual who has made long-lasting environmental contributions that improve environmental health in their community over the course of many years. This individual is a true inspiration and deserving of the highest honor. Below is from his nomination from the award.

*Mention Jonathan Samuelson's name along the banks of the Kuskokwim, and people will most likely smile, and say in an awed voice "Isn't he incredible?". Jonathan knows that the fish bring families and communities together and is focused on protecting the Kuskokwim Watershed for the next seven generation. To this end, he serves on the Native Village of Georgetown's Council, is a Vice-President of The Kuskokwim Corporation, Vice-Chair of the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and ad-*

*visor for the Tamamta program. Jonathan shines as an inspirational leader with an uncanny ability to support, empower and highlight the inner skills of the people around him.*

*Jonathan believes that a healthy environment is a pre-requisite for healthy communities. The impact of Jonathan's extends beyond the Kuskokwim and the present. He focuses many of his efforts on shaping the future generations of tribal environmental leaders. As an advisor for the Tamamta program, he is helping transform graduate education and research and bridge gaps between Indigenous and Western sciences.*

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## COUNCIL

### Chairperson

Traci Maczynski  
Seat C/ Term expires:2023

### Vice Chairperson

David Kutch  
Seat A/ Term expires:2025

### Treasurer/Secretary

Valerie Dudley  
Seat B/ Term expires:2023

### Member

Jonathan Samuelson  
Seat D/ Term expires:2025

### Member

Gary Fredericks  
Seat E/Term expires:2024

## STAFF

### Tribal Administrator

Daniel Decker

### Environmental Coordinator

Barbara Johnson

### Program Director

Eric Dietrich

### Environmental Assistant

Genevieve Ioane

# Updates

## Save the Date

The date for the annual meeting has been set! The council has decided to hold the 2023 Georgetown Annual meeting on August 19th in Anchorage. The when and the where for the meeting are still being worked, but we should have the details ready by the next newsletter.

With the Annual meeting comes the election for council seats. This year seats B (held by Valerie Dudley) and C (held by Traci Maczynski) will be the ones on the ballot. Nomination forms will be going out in the mail at the end of June. There will be reminder about the nominations and when they will be due in the summer newsletter.

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## Bid for Boat Motor Completed

Last December we posted an offer to bid on the old outboard motor from the Georgetown boat. It replaced with a new outboard motor late last summer. We posted the notice to the general public with no luck. This third notice to bid, which was open only to Georgetown members received an offer. Gary Fredericks submitted winning —and only bid —for the motor.

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## Assistance Programs

We recently started a new assistance program for to help members pay for job training for members starting a new career or looking to change careers. Eligible members can receive up to \$20,000 in assistance to help cover tuition, dorm rent, food vouchers, and books. The application can be found on our website under ARP Assistance. Contact our office if you need a hard copy mailed to you.

Also available to members is the 2023 utility assistance to help cover electric, gas, water/sewer, trash, and firewood. You can apply online using the form under ARP Assistance on our website.

# Council Meeting

## Georgetown Tribal Council March 26, 2023 Quarterly Meeting

The Georgetown Tribal Council, the governing body of the Native Village of Georgetown, met on Saturday, March 26th, 2023 for their quarterly meeting. Council Members that attended the in-person meeting were Traci Maczynski, Gary Fredericks, Valerie Dudley, and Buddy Kutch (by phone). Others in attendance Helen Vanderpool (by phone).

During the meeting the Council:

- Approved the agenda with added agenda items
- Approved the meeting minutes for December 10, 2022 and the September 17, 2022 (tabled at the Dec 10 meeting)
- Reviewed Administrative reports from the Tribal Administrator and staff members.
- Heard committee reports from the Environmental Committee, Land Committee, Enrollment Committee, Policy Committee, Pre-Audit Committee, and Community Center Committee.
- Approved the three pending enrollment applications that were reviewed by the Enrollment Committee
- Set the date and location for the 2023 Georgetown Annual meeting
- Reviewed and discussed the updated code of conduct policy. Sent it back to the Policy Committee for more work
- Discussed how to use the clean up green up money from Donlin and asked Administration to purchase reusable shopping bags with the NVG logo to send to each household.
- Discussed the Regional Tribal Government after reviewing the report the Tribal Administrator presented from his meeting with their representatives.
- Made a decision to enter into an employment contract with Jerry Fredericks to complete the community center
- Made a decision to hire at least one carpenter and four labors for the completion of the community center
- Made a decision to have Administration purchase a Bobcat with accessories to be shipped to Georgetown for use in completing the community center
- Set the next meeting date for June 24th at 11 AM
- Adjourned





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# Upcoming Events



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**April**

**18 Tax Day**

**May**

**14 Mother's Day**

**29 Memorial Day (office closed)**

**June**

**18 Father's Day**

**19 Juneteenth**

**24 Quarterly Council Meeting**