



# Chilkoot Indian Association



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## Community Service Center

The project consists of constructing a single-floor ADA compliant Community Services Center. The proposed 45 ft. x 80 ft. building will have staff and Tribal Council offices. The building will also have a conference room for council and private meetings and an open space for medium size public meetings. The layout for the office space will lend itself to the displays of Tlingit art pieces including hanging art, standing art, and art enclosed in display cases. The master plan for the site and the buildings will be designed to highlight the uniqueness of our Tlingit heritage and have many "green building" features such as additional insulation and caulking, energy-star windows and doors, radiant floor heat, and heat recovery systems. The heat for the building will be provided by a commercial pellet heating system. The Tribe currently has two pellet heating systems in operation providing heat

and hot water to our eight low-income rental units. The additional energy efficiency technologies incorporated into this project will lower the operating costs of this project to the Tribe's resources. It is anticipated that the Tribe will realize a cost savings of approximately 20% due to the innovative energy efficiency designed into the structure.

The project will be located on tribal land located in the center of downtown Haines allowing easy access for all residents of the Haines Borough. The single floor design will allow access for tribal membership who are disabled and cannot climb the stairs to our present location and may not benefit from all of the services they are eligible to receive. This Tribal Community Services Center will provide a means for the Chilkoot Indian Association to deliver services to all membership. The project has been identified by the Tribe as urgent as the local adult population of



David Berry Jr.  
Tribal Administrator

the Tribe currently consists of an average age of 45 years old. Tribal offices are currently located on the second floor of a local business with stairs-only access which severely limits the ability of most of our adult members to receive services.

The building will be constructed using the Tribes existing housing crew. All specialized aspects such as plumbing, heat recovery systems, heating systems, electrical, fire suppression, groundwork and landscaping (to name a few) will be contracted out to licensed companies. This project will provide continued employment for eight housing crew members and up to ten employees of various contractors for the length of the project.

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Elizabeth Peratrovich, from her speech to the 1945 Alaska Senate during debate of an anti-discrimination bill.



## Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska General Assembly Election of Delegates



The 2012 Central Council Election of Delegates will soon be underway. Della Brouillette - 766-3394, is the community contact for Haines. The official alphabetical voting list is posted at the Chilkoot Indian Association offices. A notice of

delegate election will be posted soon specifying the date of the election; the place and hours for polling; nomination of candidates; and procedures for voting, including those for absentee voting. Nominations shall be made in a special meeting called for that purpose and published. The expected day of the election is Thursday, March 15th. The 2012 General As-

sembly is set for April 18 - 25th in Juneau. The deadline for community resolutions is April 13th. For more information on the Tribal Assembly, contact: Office of the President, Edward Thomas 1-800-344-1432, extension 7103 or you may send an email to [mkookesh@cchitha.org](mailto:mkookesh@cchitha.org). Stay involved; mark your calendar to remember to vote!

## CIA Base Roll Descendant



Baby girl, Giana D’Rose, hails from the Cranston family on the 1940 Chilkoot Indian Association base roll. Great grandpa, Judson Cranston (born in Kluktoo, Territory of Alaska in 1919 and served in the US Army during WW II) married Daisy Johnson, a Tlingit Raven from Yakutat in 1938 and had 13 children. Great grandma, Daisy, resides in Sitka.

Grandma, Delia Commander (shown holding new granddaughter, Giana), is the President of Skagway Traditional Council. Big sister, Jazlene Savannah just

turned two years old. Mother, Elana Cranston (shown in the mirror image) is taking this awesome Christmas picture! Elana lives in Juneau.

If you have an event happening in your family, send me an email to [gshotc@chilkoot-nsn.gov](mailto:gshotc@chilkoot-nsn.gov). Send picture(s) also. This is our commitment to share information with other members of the Chilkoot Indian Association. Don’t forget: birthday celebrations, weddings, graduations, We can highlight the wonderful aspects of one’s life, as we did with great grandpa, Judson.

## February Birthdays

1st	Kalee A Clayton	12th	Lincoln’s BD	20th	President’s Day
2nd	Stella S Howard	13th	Melanie R Hess	20th	Donna M Murphy
4th	Jennifer K Cook	14th	Valentine’s Day	21st	Michele Berzanske
4th	Amber Matthews	15th	Patrick L Price	22nd	Tyler J Lebert
5th	Tiara N Light	15th	Jeremy B Strong	22nd	Michael McClellan
6th	Christina Williams	16th	Elizabeth	22nd	Robert A Skulka
8th	Leslie B Katzeek		Peratrovich Day	22nd	Alisha D Young
10th	John L Berry	17th	E. Ruth Davis	22nd	Thomas L Young
10th	Lori A Katzeek	17th	Mary J Folletti	22nd	Washington’s BD
11th	Rhonda Degtoff	18th	Ronald L Jimmie	23rd	Joyce E Simons
11th	Raymond Dennis	18th	Leotis R Phillips	24th	Gwen M Sauser



25th	Marcelle Laidlow
26th	Theodore David
26th	Brendan Winders
27th	Evans W Sparks
28th	Diana Spiers

## Transportation

Wintertime is paperwork time. Our long range transportation Plan will be in its public review period in January and February. In this review period, the Council will be deciding on road projects for the next few years. We are also planning for the next years' contract work, which will at least include asphalt to cover the Chilkoot Estates Sub-division. I will be attending GIS training in Juneau at the end of

January with Luke, and we'll both be upgrading to ArcGIS 10 for the Chilkoot Tribe. The Tribe is also assisting the Care-A-Van program with another year of grant funding for the program along with more Mobility Management. This also is a paperwork project, ending with Haines Borough Assembly approval for an updated Haines Borough Coordinated Transportation Plan document.



Scott Hansen  
Tribal Transportation Coordinator

## Environmental Department

Chilkoot Environmental Department is collaborating with Takshanuk Watershed Council on placing weather stations in a few places. We're planning to install one in the downtown area; one out by the Chilkoot bridge; and hopefully, one out in the Mud Bay area.

After these weather stations are up and operating, you will be able to access the information the weather station is reading (at that moment) on the Internet by going to Chilkoot Indian Association's website at <http://chilkoot-nsn.gov/> or TWC's



web page at <http://takshanuk.org>. It will tell you what the wind speed is; how much it's rained; and a couple of other weather-related items.

These weather stations will also be used to help collect data for the Global Science Network which is used to help educate youth around the world. You can also see what the weather is doing in different parts of the world. You can access this web site by going to <http://globe.gov/>.

Stay tuned. The environmental department will announce in our newsletter when the weather stations are up and operational and viewable on the internet.

## AmeriCorps to IGAP

After serving two years; one for Raven AmeriCorps and one for Birch AmeriCorps; I have moved on as an employee of the Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP), in the recycling field. I'll be working with Community Waste

Solutions staging ewaste and old car batteries to be shipped out of the Community of Haines for good.

Bigger projects with IGAP include the research and feasibility of having a bottle crusher to make glass

sand and the possibility of a cardboard shredder for making logs to produce home heat. If successful, these projects could create jobs and revenue for both CIA and partnering entities. Fred Brouillette

### "Hog Heaven"

Members/owners of Hog Heaven would like to thank the Chilkoot Indian Association for a used Fax/Copy Machine. It has become very helpful in business faxes and in creating our menu! Gunalcheesh! Nancy and daughter, Kathryn Coleman



## Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich

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Elizabeth Peratrovich championed the cause of civil rights in Alaska. In February of 1945, the Territorial Senate met as a Committee of the Whole to discuss the equal rights issue and a bill prohibiting racial discrimination in Alaska. Many senators stood in turn to speak against the equal rights bill. Those



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voices of prejudice were reduced to a whisper by a woman who spoke from her heart. Elizabeth Peratrovich was the final speaker on that day. After the long speeches and logical arguments were over, Elizabeth Peratrovich rose to tell the truth about prejudice. On that day, Elizabeth represented her people as the Grand President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood. We honor her today for her vision, her wisdom, and her courage in speaking out for what she believed to be right. She symbolizes the role the gallery plays in the legislature and the importance of public opinion in the legislative process. She reminds us that a single person, speaking from the heart, can effect the future of all Alaskans. Feb 16th is Elizabeth Peratrovich Day. All CIA offices are closed.