

North Slope News

October/November 2014



Mayor's Message

The major themes that guided our efforts in the previous three years remain; long-term financial stability and economic growth, safe and responsible oil and gas development, housing, protecting the environment and subsistence practices, healthy communities, education and career development for all residents, and childcare.

The challenges ahead present exciting opportunities. The NSB is at its lowest debt level in 35 years, and we now have the opportunity to utilize over \$60 million more of tax revenue for annual operations. The North Slope Borough is in the strongest financial position it has seen in history, the administration will endeavor to leverage this position to allow us to meet more of our communities' needs, and create more employment opportunities in ways that will positively impact each community in both the short term and the long term.

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Fire Department committed to Training and Education

The North Slope Borough Fire Department is committed to training – it is their goal to eventually have a certified instructor in every community on the North Slope. In October the Fire Department, in cooperation with the State of Alaska Training & Education Bureau, held a Methods of Instruction I training in Barrow.

Upon completion of the training, participating members will be certified to instruct Fire Service courses in accordance with the State of Alaska Fire Service Instructor qualifications.

Participants in this course, individuals from the Villages and

Barrow, successfully completed the practical evaluation which was included conducting a 20 minute presentation to an audience and 3 evaluators.

The Department also held an ETT to EMT bridge course in November.

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EMPLOYEES

of the Month

Christina Barr

Employee of the Month
October 2014

Christina Barr was originally hired as a Human Resources Specialist 1 for the Human Resources Department in 2011, then was promoted to Human Resources Specialist II in 2012. Christina is responsible for processing hire packets and working with hiring managers on the hiring process. She is quiet but efficient and works well with everyone. Christina is committed to furthering her career and education and in her spare time obtained her Associates Degree in Applied Science/Business through UAF. Christina is a rising star and a valued employee at the North Slope Borough Human Resources Department.



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Doug Carda

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Doug Carda currently serves as the Controller for the Department of Administration and Finance. He has been a valued



employee of the North Slope Borough for over 6 years. Doug has demonstrated strong leadership by helping the North Slope Borough complete annual audits and works tirelessly to improve accounting and financial management. He is a very responsible employee and a great asset to the North Slope Borough.

Quyanaqpak Doug & Christina!

Highlighting Our Youth

Ryan Rock graduates from Post University

Ryan Rock has charted his own course to make a difference in the life of residents on the Arctic Slope while simultaneously drawing on the strength of his Iñupiaq background to act as a guide.

Ryan followed an outstanding academic and athletic career at Tikigaq High School by moving

on to the University of Alaska Anchorage. After a year at UAA, Ryan decided to travel a different path. Ryan matriculated to Post University in Connecticut where he would receive his bachelor's degree in business, a minor in environmental science and play three years of collegiate basketball.

Ryan followed graduation by returning to Alaska and his home where he is employed by the Tikigaq Corporation, serves as a director for the Challenge Life Youth Program and will act as the men's basketball coach at Tikigaq High School. Ryan has come full circle in challenging himself and following his dreams. He hopes to use his many experiences to show students and young adults how they too can follow their dreams and their passions, live a healthy lifestyle and walk in the footsteps of the elders and the Iñupiaq culture.

Ryan credits his parents, Rex and Ramona Rock, his Aaka and Aapa and his siblings for providing the support and love that allowed him to venture far from home without ever losing the sense and spirit of what it means to be Iñupiaq. *Article courtesy of Al Sokaitis and Molly Lane.*



Tevita Vehikete named All State Lineman

When asked by coach Brian Houston what he thought of Tevita, he had this to say "Tevita is an exceptional athlete that is a two way starter on offensive and defensive as a lineman. He is a young man that does not allow himself to quit and make excuses. He leads by example of being persevering and committed to excellence. Tevita is a fine shining example of a student at Barrow High School and the community of the north slope."



Other Barrow Whalers named to the Great Land All Conference 2014 include: Tony Dunbar 1st Team Wide Receiver, Aitkan Fa'alogo 2nd team Kicker and Interior Lineman, Cody Ponce de Leon 2nd team Defensive Back and David Matthews, Honorable Mention Utility Player.

Nomination for Port Authority Board opens

On October 6 North Slope residents approved the establishment of the North Slope Port Authority. According to the ordinance passed by the NSB Assembly, Board members are appointed by the North Slope Borough Mayor and confirmed by the Assembly. The membership of the Board of Directors will consist of (7) members representing:

- North Slope Village Corporations
- North Slope City Governments
- North Slope Tribal Entities
- Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission
- Marine Industry
- Arctic Slope Regional Corporation
- North Slope Borough

The Borough invites individual nominations, but also recognize nominations from groups. Residents or groups can submit nominations till the end of November so that we are able to submit appointments to the Assembly at the December 2 meeting.

Mayor Brower emphasizes that the Port Authority is a service organization, created to serve the whole North Slope. Membership on the Board is not intended to give priority to any one group.

Once the Board is appointed, there will be an initial organizational meeting to adopt bylaws and set a budget. Paul Fuhs, the North Slope Borough consultant who has substantial experience in port authorities and port development in Alaska, will provide technical assistance to the Board.

Following the meeting, the Port Authority will put out a call for communities and business organizations to identify possible projects for the Authority to consider. During the meetings held in North Slope villages prior to the vote on October 7th, a number of potential projects have already been identified by local residents.

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Also, my thanks go out to the citizens who overwhelmingly voted to approve \$20.5 million in capital funds to address the lack of affordable and quality housing across the North Slope. Our approach to this issue has been systemic and is gaining momentum. The Housing Solutions Group is available to assist residents apply for construction loans and is working to identify additional options to address housing availability. My administration will not focus on a single solution, but will be proactive in creating tangible multi-pronged solutions.

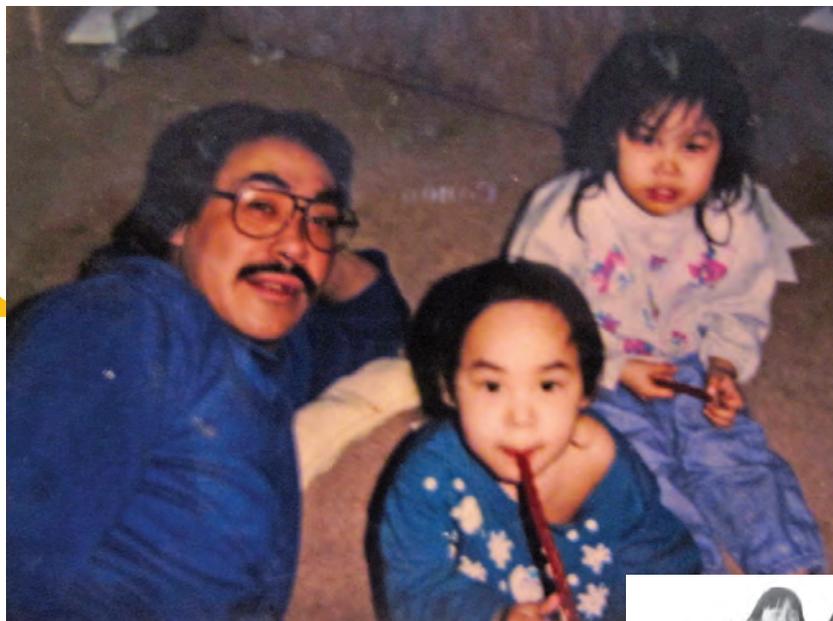
We will continue to support responsible development, as long as reasonable measures are taken to protect subsistence and our culture. I have voiced this intention previously and moving forward my administration will highlight exactly how important our heritage is by working with the Assembly

to allow IHLC to become a standalone department.

The challenges and opportunities are endless; over the next three years we will make significant movement on creating a Port Authority, opening Child Care Centers, seeking funding for a Residential Training Center and creating economic and employment opportunities in each community.

I again want to thank my staff and the residents of the North Slope – the next three years are going to give us all an opportunity to see the fruits of our efforts as we continue to push for ways to better serve our residents.

We are facing a lot of work ahead – but we also have good times in store, let me be the first to invite you all to Kivgik 2015 in Barrow, February 9-14. More information can be found on our website @ www.north-slope.org or in the next issue of North Slope News.



Who is it?

Guess who this young dad with his kids are?



Above: The Late Elizabeth J. "Ebuk", Edna Syfko, and Lloyd Ipalook, Jr.

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Let Us Keep Doing More Together



KIVGIQ 2015 LOGO CONTEST

North Slope Borough Mayor's Office is hosting a logo contest for the upcoming Kivgiq. Entry form available at the NSB Mayor's Office or on the nsb website @ www.north-slope.org

Open to North Slope residents only.

Prizes include:

- 1st place - \$1,000
- 2nd place - \$ 500
- 3rd place - \$ 400
- 4th place - \$ 300

Original artwork will be retained by the NSB and used for all printed matter associated with the 2015 Kivgiq

Deadline to submit your artwork to the Mayor's Office is December 10, 2014.

For more information call Berna Neakok at the Mayor's Office 852-0200.

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Kivgiq 2015 is scheduled for February 9-14, 2015 in Barrow. We will have more details on our website @ www.north-slope.org. For more information you can contact Berna Neakok or Dorothy Edwardsen at the Mayor's Office at 852-0200.

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