The Ninilchik Village Tribe traces its roots back to the first Native communities located around the Cook Inlet and surrounding area. Tribal Boundaries extend from the South side of the Kasilof River to Homer and East from the Caribou Hills across the Cook Inlet to Mount Redoubt.

Meeting Schedule
The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for:

- Thursday, October 10th at 10:00 AM
  at the NTC Administration Office Conference Room

The **2013 Annual Meeting** is scheduled for:

- Saturday, November 16th at 11:00 AM
  at the NTC subsistence Building

Office Closures
The NTC Offices will be CLOSED on:

- Friday, October 18th for Alaska Day
- Monday, November 11th for Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 28th for Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 29th for Native American Day
The Ninilchik Village Tribe is made up of approximately 800 members who trace their roots to the Ninilchik tribal lands as well as other Bureau of Indian Affairs-recognized Alaska Natives and American Indians who have settled in the tribal boundaries and have applied, and been accepted, for membership. The governing body of the Ninilchik Village Tribe, the Ninilchik Traditional Council, is presided over by a board of directors of 5 council members elected by the voting tribal membership to 3 year terms. The council directs executive staff using the Ninilchik Village Tribe’s Organic Documents, which are set by the voting tribal membership to exercise tribal operations and tribal sovereignty, as guidelines.

**Who We Are**

- **NTC Board of Directors**
  - Richard Greg Encelewski, President
  - William Dean Kvasnikoff, Vice President
  - Lorita Linder, Secretary & Treasurer
  - Kenny Odman, Director
  - Tammy Bear, Director

**NTC Executive Director**

- Ivan Z. Encelewski

**NTC Staff**

**Department Directors**

- Bob Crosby, Housing Director
- Maria Goins, Chief Financial Officer
- Janet Mullen, Tribal Health Director
- Christina Pinnow, Tribal Services Director
- Shelley Self, Deputy CEO
- Darrel Williams, Resource & Environmental Director

**Staff**

- Denise Bishop, Procurement Officer & Finance Assistant
- Mike Chihuly, EMS Assistant
- Shirley Chihuly, Education Manager
- Jennifer Culross, Clinic Administration and Patient Accounts Specialist
- James Day, Head Maintenance Laborer
- Ashley Eisenman, Health & Wellness Club Attendant
- Caroline Finney, Community Health Practitioner
- Maricel Folkert, Community Health Aide & Medical Assistant
- Sharon Fromong, Clinic Business Office Assistant
- Joshua Geibe, Registered Nurse
- Scott Goins, Health & Wellness Club Attendant
- Donna Henry, Behavioral Health Services Manager
- Eric Hanson, Maintenance Assistant
- Lynn Kennedy, Health & Wellness Club Attendant
- Argent Kvasnikoff, Administrative Assistant
- Leslie McCombs, Clinic Front Desk Receptionist
- Jennifer Miller, Clinic Medical Biller
- Perry Miller, Systems Administrator
- Emily Oskolkoff, Health & Wellness Club Attendant
- Jamie Oskolkoff, Secretary-Receptionist
- Pat Oskolkoff, Clinic Special Projects Coordinator
- Michael Pinnow, Assistant Maintenance Laborer
- Nancy Pulliam, Assistant Maintenance Laborer
- Daniel Reynolds, Resource Technician
- Tiffany Robuck, Native Youth Olympics Coach
- Bettyann Steciw, Social Services & ICWA Specialist
- Tiffany Stonecipher, Elders Outreach Program Coordinator
- Anna Sutton, Health Programs Receptionist
- Maureen Todd, Behavioral Health Aide
- Brie Wallace, Health & Wellness Club Manager
- Carrie Warren, Family Nurse Practitioner
- Gina Wiste, Environmental Technician
Fall is upon us and I hope everyone had a great fishing season and somehow managed to get a moose. As we transition from fishing to hunting, I want to take a moment to thank Shelley Self for administering the educational fishery. She did a wonderful job and deserves commendation for keeping everyone signed up and ready for their day. While we had to let a few kings go, which made me tear up a little, well maybe a lot, the season was fruitful in other respects. On a positive note, we managed to get our entire allotment of silvers in Ninilchik as well as in Kasilof, minus one.

On the health front, I am excited to say that we have made great progress on the doctor search. As you are aware, we have been recruiting for a doctor for some time now. Our efforts seem to have paid off. A tentative agreement has been reached, and barring any unforeseen credentialing issues, we hope to have this doctor working at least three (3) days per week towards the end of November.

Several representatives from the Tribe participated in Tamamta Katurlultu- A Gathering of Native Tradition. This was held August 30th - September 1st and it is a collaboration with the Pratt Museum, Native villages, and tribes in the region. This event includes dancers, food, drummers, and the sharing of cultural heritage. I was honored to attend the Evening of Culture and Dance, as well as participate in the Talking Circle supported by the Alaska Humanities Forum, along with the Pratt Museum. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the Pratt Museum for all the wonderful work they do.

The 2013 annual election is coming up and I encourage people to vote and participate in the annual meeting, which will be held Saturday, November 16th, 2013 at the NTC subsistence building. On this note, I want to remind the membership of the additional constitutional amendment # F that will be on the ballot this year, along with reiterating some of my remarks from the last newsletter.

The NTC constitution requires the tribe to waive its sovereign immunity in order to apply for or receive funding from the State of Alaska. Tribes enjoy sovereign immunity, which holds that they cannot be held liable, or be sued in court for tort actions. The state views this as troublesome in order to carry out funding accords with tribes, especially if they have no recourse in the execution of a grant or contract. As part of the state funding application process, a limited waiver of our immunity must be completed in order to even submit an application for funding. This creates a laborious and unreasonable demand on our end. This is due to the fact that the tribal constitution requires that any waiver of our immunity must be done by a vote of the membership. All tribal elections are conducted by mail and we would have to implement a special election for every grant, funding agreement, or receipt of monies from the state.

This leads me to a positive resolution through a change in our constitution. The proposed constitutional amendment would add two sentences under Article VI, Section 2. General that would state: "However, the NTC shall be authorized to waive the tribe’s sovereign immunity specifically as it pertains to entering into, executing, and carrying out grant, contract, or funding accords with the State of Alaska.

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Executive Director’s Address *Continued*

This limited waiver shall be duly approved by the NTC through an explicit resolution, which may waive the tribe’s sovereign immunity from suit with respect to claims by the state arising out of the activities related to the particular agreement.” Please note that the NTC refers to the board of directors.

This implements a nice balance for operation of programs and services, yet retains the waiver of immunity to the membership for all other matters except state funding requests, accords, grants, and contracts. At this time we do not receive state monies, except those passed through another organization where a waiver is not required. In addition, we have recently felt that our potential to expand services has been stymied by the need for a waiver, in which it takes months to conduct an election. I encourage your support on this issue and please contact me if you have any questions or concerns on this matter.

On the council news front, the board held their last regular meeting on September 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2013. The council discussed and heard reports from program directors and adopted a resolution suspending the election of judges again for this year, the same as they did last year. Until the tribal court is fully functional it is unnecessary to continue administrative work to elect them every year. Furthermore, they approved a proposal to upgrade the clinical network equipment and discussed the educational fishery, transit facility, and tribal boundary issues. The next regular meeting was set for Thursday, October 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

As always, please feel free to stop in for some coffee. I also encourage you to attend the regular council meetings, thereby getting involved with ongoing activities and events here at the Tribe.

Thanks.

Ivan Z. Encelewski
NTC Executive Director
Notice of the 2013 NTC Annual Election
November 11th

The 2013 NTC Annual Election date has been set as November 11, 2013 (per the Constitution of the Ninilchik Tribe, this is the deadline for ballots to be received, and no late ballots can be accepted). The purpose of this election is to elect two (2) Council members for three-year terms and to vote on a Constitutional Amendment issue. Resolution # 2013-12 passed at the September 12, 2013 NTC Council meeting, which suspended electing tribal court judges for the 2013 annual election. NTC realizes that the Tribal Court does not currently have a working and functioning purpose at this time, as it is in the early developmental stages. Therefore, the process of continuing to elect judges annually is not necessary and warrants suspension until further notice.

Council Seat
Any NTC registered voter, who resides within the Ninilchik Traditional Council’s Tribal Boundaries, may run for a Council seat, by simply filling out a Declaration of Candidacy Form. Please keep in mind that the Declaration of Candidacy forms must be received in the Ninilchik Traditional Council’s Tribal Services Office no later than October 17, 2013.

Any new candidate running for the Board, or any previous Board member seeking re-election, shall be deemed unqualified if found to be, in any capacity, an employee of NTC, either inactive, temporary or permanent, full or part time. However, no voter seeking election shall be placed upon the ballot if such voter has been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a felony offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude within five (5) years of the date of the election; or has been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any felonious offense or any of 2 or more misdemeanor offenses under Federal, State, or tribal law involving crimes of violence; sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, contact or prostitution; crimes against persons; or offenses committed against children. Furthermore, no voter seeking election shall be placed upon the ballot if such voter has been previously recalled by election from the NTC Board within five (5) years of the date of the election. In addition, a successful candidate must provide the results of a drug and alcohol test in the same manner as that required to be submitted by tribal employees before being installed into office. All Council members are subject to background investigation and Drug & Alcohol testing in accordance with the Ninilchik Traditional Council’s Anti Drug and Alcohol Plan, in order to comply with appropriate Federal requirements. These are required because the Ninilchik Traditional Council administers programs with federal money, which mandates that the Tribe comply with mandatory background checks and drug-free certifications. Council members will, at times, have control or work directly with children and child custody issues. As a result, the Indian Child Welfare Act program, that the Tribe administers, requires copies of background checks.

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Proposed Constitutional Amendment F:
The Ninilchik Village Tribe contracts and receives grants from several federal sources to administer various health, social services, education, housing, environmental, and resource management programs. The United States federal government does not require waivers of sovereign immunity in order to execute grant and contract funding, however, the State of Alaska requires a waiver of the tribes’ immunity in order to apply for grant and contract funding. The Ninilchik Village Tribe’s constitution currently requires the membership to waive the sovereign immunity through a specific mail in vote for each issue necessary to waive that immunity. NTC desires to place the issue of amending the constitution on the November 11, 2013 ballot in order to allow the NTC to waive immunity, which will be limited to State of Alaska funding requests and accords, thereby retaining the waiver of immunity to the membership for all other matters.

Shall the Tribe amend Article VI- Powers of the Ninilchik Traditional Council, Section 2 – General, of the Ninilchik Tribal Constitution to allow the NTC to waive immunity, which will be limited to State of Alaska funding requests and accords, thereby retaining the waiver of immunity to the membership for all other matters., (additions indicated by underlining):

“Section 2: General”
The NTC shall have all of the appropriate powers necessary to implement specific provisions of this Constitution and to effectively govern the affairs of the tribe. All other powers not referred to in this constitution, including the waiver of the tribe’s sovereign immunity to unconsented suit, are reserved to the general membership and may be exercised through initiative, referendum or amendment to this constitution. However, the NTC shall be authorized to waive the tribe’s sovereign immunity specifically as it pertains to entering into, executing, and carrying out grant, contract, or funding accords with the State of Alaska. This limited waiver shall be duly approved by the NTC through an explicit resolution, which may waive the tribe’s sovereign immunity from suit with respect to claims by the state arising out of the activities related to the particular agreement.”

The 2013 NTC election is conducted by mail and there will be no polling place open for in-person voting on Election Day. Ballots will be mailed on October 22, 2013. Any registered voter who does not receive a ballot by mail may request such a ballot in person, by phone, telefax, or mail at the Ninilchik Traditional Council’s Tribal Services Office.

All ballots must be received by or on November 11, 2013

You must mail your ballot in plenty of time to ensure that it is received in the post office by or on Election Day. There is no postmarking deadline, ballots must be received in the Election Committee’s Ninilchik post office by or on Election Day. **Please note, November 11, 2013 is Veterans Day and the US Post Office will be closed. Please make sure you mail your ballot in plenty of time to arrive in the Post Office box no later than November 9, 2013.**

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming election, please contact NTC Elections Officer Christina Pinnow @ 567-3313.
Tribal Services: Education

Early Learning Program

2013-14 School Year: October-April
Tuesday & Thursday Classes
10 am - 12 pm

Our goal is to provide pre-elementary children the opportunity to socialize with peers, to learn to participate in group activities, and expose students to age appropriate activities and knowledge. Art, music & movement along with Alaskan culture are also incorporated into our curriculum. Our Early Learning Program is open to the Ninilchik Community, however, we give first priority for enrollment to Alaskan Native/American Indian children or children with high needs/disabilities.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must have turned 3 years of age by Sept. 1st
- Students must be potty trained

For more information regarding eligibility, registration applications or fees please contact the NTC Tribal Services Department @ 567-3313.

Higher Education Grant
Spring 2014 Semester Application Deadline: December 10th, 2013

This is an important reminder that the Higher Education Grant Application deadline for the Spring 2014 semester is Tuesday, December 10th at 5:00 p.m. Students must have their application turned in on or before the deadline in order to be considered for funding. After the semester of funding has ended, be sure to remember to request that an official transcript be mailed to:

Ninilchik Traditional Council
Tribal Services Department
PO Box 39444
Ninilchik, AK 99639

If you have not filled out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) you can file one on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov
Please contact Shirley Chihuly, NTC Education Manager, at 1-907-567-3313 or e-mail shirley@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov if you have any questions.

For more information on any of the Ninilchik Traditional Council’s education programs and services please contact Education Manager Shirley Chihuly at 567-3313 or e-mail shirley@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov
Tribal Services: Social Services

Mandatory Reporters

The State of Alaska requires certain individuals (including health care providers, teachers and administrators, police officers, institutional administrative officers, day care or child care providers, paid employees of domestic violence intervention or prevention programs, paid employees of drug and/or alcohol treatment or rehabilitation programs, members of special teams that review deaths of children, and athletic coaches) who in the course of performing their jobs know or have reasonable cause to suspect a child is being abused or neglected to report the abuse to the Department of Health and Social Services. The law also provides that any other person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect may report the harm to the child to the Department of Health and Social Services. Mandatory reporting is also a responsibility for several staff members of NTC.

If there is an emergency situation and the Department of Health and Social Services cannot be reached, the statue allows a person to make the report to a law enforcement officer who is then required to take action and notify the Department of Health and Social Services as soon as possible. The statute defines child abuse as physical injury, neglect, mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or other maltreatment of a child that harm the health or welfare of the child.

To access the entire child abuse reporting chapter of the official Alaska Code online, follow: http://touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/Statutes/Title47/Chapter17.htm

The State of Alaska also provides this phone number to make reports if the appropriate office cannot be reached: 1-800-478-4444. For more information contact: bettyann@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov

Child Care

Child care is essential for working parents and parents engaged in higher education. Child care improves the lives of families and promotes economic success of our Tribe. First, child care allows parents to go to work every day. As our economy continues to recover from the deepest recession in decades, it is critical for families to have access to quality care so that parents have the peace of mind to seek and retain employment that will fuel the recovery. But due to the high cost of care, many low-income families cannot afford to pay for child care by themselves. Child care subsidies allow these families to access care that they could not otherwise afford. Research shows that parents who receive subsidies to help them pay for child care are more likely to work, work more hours, maintain employment, and earn more (Schaefer, Kreader, and Collins, 2006).

For more information on NTC’s Child Care Program contact Bettyann@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov

We Need Adoptive Homes!

There are many good reasons that people adopt a child. Sometimes, it is the sheer love for children that makes single people adopt children. Some families adopt children to give them the love and care of a family. A couple can adopt the child of their relative who is failing to take care of that child. Becoming an adoptive parent has a tremendous impact on a child’s heart, behavior and future.

NTC is in need of adoptive and foster homes. We can assist you with the application process!

Contact Bettyann Steciw at 567-3313 or bettyann@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov

To contact the Tribal Services department please call 567-3313 or e-mail the following addresses:
Christina Pinnow, Tribal Services Director: chris@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov
Shirley Chihuly, Education Manager: shirley@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov
Bettyann Steciw, Social Services & ICWA Specialist: bettyann@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov
Library Updates & Events

**Niqnalchint Creative Writing**
If you are a beginner interested in writing, whether it’s stories, poetry, or even writing for information, join a meeting of our creative writing group to learn about different skills and inspirations to get you started! Topics are guided by local educator and writer Jamie Leman. The group normally meets semi-monthly. To find out when the next meeting is please feel free to drop on by the office or call.

**Tahyiga Book Club**
The Tahyiga Book Club meets monthly to discuss Alaskana, world, and indigenous cultural literature. If you are interested in new, engaging novels with cultural themes please join us. The club meets on late month Fridays at 4:00 PM at the Subsistence Building Lounge. The next meetings are October 27th & November 22nd. Let us know if you would like to join!

**New Videos**
The library is pleased to announce it is revamping its video collection! If you are interested in videos on science, history, culture, the arts, and Alaska, come on by to see what’s new!

**Alaska Book Week**
October 5th - 12th, 2013
Alaska Book Week is hosted by 49 Writers & 49 Writing Center and celebrates Alaskan books and authors statewide. If you are looking for new Alaskan titles check out events near you!

*For more information visit alaskabookweek.com*

**New Book Spotlight**: Just some of the new titles in our collection!

- **Fiction**
  - The Edge of Nowhere by Elizabeth George - 2013

- **Non-Fiction**
  - Seward by Walter Stahr - 2012

- **Poetry & Prose**
  - The Unknown University by Roberto Bolaño - 2007

- **Young Adult**
  - Zebra Forest by Adina Rishe Gewirtz - 2013

*For more information about the Niqnalchint Library or other arts and culture activities please contact Tribal Librarian Argent Kvasnikoff at the NTC Administrative Office by phone at 567-3313, or by e-mail to argent@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov*
**NTC Community Clinic**

*Health Events and Information*

**Child Developmental Screenings**

On November 6th the Ninilchik clinic will be offering free developmental, vision, and hearing tests for children. These screenings help you learn more about your child’s early developmental skills, speech & language growth, early learning concepts, fine & gross motor skills, and vision and hearing skills.

**These checkups are by appointment only on November 6th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Call the clinic at 567-3970 to schedule an appointment today.**

Screenings are hosted by the clinic and put on with the generous support of the Homer Public Health Center, Sprout Family Services, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Child Fund Program. Thank You.

**Awareness Months**

October and November are important months in the health community as they have two of the biggest campaigns for awareness and research in the fight against cancer:

The American Cancer Society names October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and its rosy pink colored events held to support the women and families whose lives have been affected by breast cancer are participated in by millions of people each year. The Ninilchik Health & Wellness Club’s “Pinktober” is a great example!

November is billed as “Movember,” a worldwide campaign that began in Australia in 2003 which supports various efforts, with prostate cancer research being a primary cause. Men who participate grow their facial hair out for the entire month of November to show their support!

For more information on these campaigns visit www.nbcam.org and us.movember.com

**Flu Season Update**

The staff of the clinic would like to remind everybody that it is time to start planning to get your flu shot. The Ninilchik clinic will be offering flu shots soon, so please stay in touch with your medical professionals to make an appointment when they become available.

Children, the elderly, and individuals with certain conditions and diseases are more susceptible to complications by contracting the influenza virus and should make sure to get immunized early.

Wishing you a warm and healthy winter!

For more information about the clinic’s services please call Tribal Health Director Janet Mullen at the Annex at 567-3370.
October is **PINKtober**!

It’s Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we want to help raise awareness of this disease. The hope is that greater knowledge will lead to earlier detection of breast cancer, which is associated with higher long-term survival rates, and that money raised for breast cancer will produce a reliable, permanent cure.

Join us in spreading the word about Breast Cancer by wearing pink all month!

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**Wear PINK to the Club this October to be entered to win Club Membership for a month! {we have PINK t-shirts for sale!}**

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**Club Updates**

☐ **Hatha Yoga on Wednesdays** has changed to 11:00am to 12:00pm. *see calendars below for schedule*

☐ **Winter Walkers Club** begins on October 1st. Sign up for free at the Club!

☐ Call Tammy Z. to schedule a **Personal Training** session! Call 580.716.8875 to book!

☐ Relax with a **Therapeutic Massage** right here at the Club! Call Elise at 252.9544 or Laura at 953.4439!

☐ Keep your Vitamin D levels up with our **Tanning Bed**! Call 567.3455 to schedule a tan.

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- **November 2013 Dates & Events**
- **Elders Luncheon**: 12:00 PM
- **Veterans Day**: NTC Closed
- **Children’s Developmental Screenings @ Clinic**
- **NTC Closed**
- **Thanksgiving**: NTC Closed
- **2013 Annual Meeting**: 11:00 at the NTC Subsistence Building
Are you planning to move or change your contact information?

Let us know!

- Tribal members are encouraged to contact NTC Enrollment Officer Christina Pinnow at the NTC Admin Office to keep their information up to date.
- Those on the general public mailing list may contact Argent Kvasnikoff at the NTC Admin Office front desk.

Please call (907)-567-3313 to speak to either Christina or Argent to make sure we can keep current. Thank you!