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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Tulalip Tribes 2025 Board of Directors Election
Friday, April 11, 2025 From 9:00AM to 4:00PM
Saturday, April 12, 2025 From 7:00AM to 1:00PM

At the Tulalip Resort Casino

10200 Quil Ceda Blvd, Tulalip, Washington 98271

*Annual General Council will be held the same day beginning at **9:00 AM***

There will be a Board of Directors election on 4/11/2025 and 4/12/2025. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to serve three (3) year terms.

THE FOLLOWING TWO CANDIDATES TERMS ARE EXPIRING:

Misty Napeahi

Debra Posey

Petitions will be available at the Tulalip Tribes Administration building, Election office (2nd floor) starting **Monday, January 27, 2025 to Friday, February 7, 2025 4:00PM.**

PETITION RULES:

- * ONLY ELECTIONS STAFF CAN ACCEPT A PETITION, DO NOT LEAVE WITH ANY OTHER STAFF.
- * FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND SIGNED BY THE POTENTIAL CANDIDATE.
- * 25 SIGNATURES PER PETITION IS REQUIRED.
- * NO DUPLICATE SIGNATURES- VOTERS CAN ONLY SIGN ONE PETITION.

Eligibility: No person shall be a candidate for the Board of Directors unless he/she shall be an enrolled member of the Tulalip Tribes and shall have resided upon the Tulalip Reservation for a continuous period of one (1) year prior to the election, and shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. No person shall be a candidate if he/she has been found guilty of any felony, or a misdemeanor involving controlled substance or dishonesty in any Indian, State, or Federal court within three (3) years prior to the election.

The list of qualified candidates will be posted in a public place and otherwise be made known to the tribal membership no less than two (2) weeks prior to the election date. The Tribal rules and regulations governing elections shall apply.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

Friday, February 7, 2025 at 4:00pm

Tulalip Administration Building (360) 716-4283 or electioncommittee@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov
c/o Election Staff, 6406 Marine Drive, Tulalip, WA 98271

Dated: January 9, 2025

Teri Gobin

Teri Gobin, Chairwomen

- Election staff includes – Rosie Topaum, Leilani Davey, Angela Hatch, Annie Enick, Judy Gobin, Samantha Rose, Lorna Ancheta and Tracy Patrick.

**Subject to change - Voting times or day(s) and General Council Meeting.*

Firefighters from front page

By Wade Sheldon; photos from Tulalip Bay Fire Department Facebook

One of the most challenging fires in California’s history has engulfed the city of Los Angeles, destroying over 10,000 houses and consuming more than 23,700 acres in Palisades County. The fire began on January 7 and spread rapidly, fueled by strong winds and dry conditions. Additionally, 14,100 acres burned in Eaton, 800 in Hurst, 1,052 in Kenneth, and 43 in Sunset. As of Tuesday, January 14, this tragedy has left 23 lives lost and damages exceeding \$100 billion. Thousands of individuals have lost everything they owned and now face unimaginable hardships.

Yet, in the face of adversity, hope prevails. Brave crews from Washington have rallied to the cause, embodying the spirit of unity and resilience. Fire departments, such as the Tulalip Bay Fire Department, have joined forces with others in the area, demonstrating unwavering determination to help control the fires in Los Angeles.

On Friday, January 10, after an exhausting 18-hour drive into Los Angeles, the Tulalip Bay Fire Department crew faced a grueling 20-hour shift, totaling 38 hours without rest before their first break. Upon reaching Zuma Beach, the command post for their operations, the crew prioritized inspecting vehicles and gear to ensure readiness for combating the fires.

“When Mother Nature calls, our firefighters are ready to respond,” the Tulalip Fire Department said on their Facebook page.

Their first shift occurred on Sunset Boulevard, where they protected residential areas overnight as the fire approached. “In the morning, the fire was bumping up against the neighborhood, and we had to put in handlines, lay hoses connecting off hydrants, and work with air tech when the fire started getting going again,” Captain James Shockley explained.

The firefighters are part of North Strike Team 1, alongside other teams from Washington State. Seven states, along with Canada and Mexico, have joined the fight to end the Palisades fire. Initially, California funded these efforts, but with worsening weather conditions, the Federal Government has stepped in to ensure resources are available.

Captain Shockley described the weather’s challenges. “The biggest issue is the wind. It ripped through a big stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway when the fire first started. All the homes built on the ocean side were destroyed. It ran through those homes like nothing could stop it. To see chimneys left standing and Sunset Boulevard in ruins was just next-level devastation. It has been wild to see.”



When Mother Nature calls, our firefighters are ready to respond.



Tulalip Bay Fire Dept crew on their 18 hour drive to L.A.

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Despite the damage, the crews' support has been exceptional. "Everyone here has been great," Captain Shockley noted. The ground support for our team and rigs has been excellent. With long drives out to our work sites and back, each shift takes about 32-34 hours. So, being diligent about getting a good night's sleep is essential to handling the workload."

The Tulalip team along with crews from South County, Camano Island and Snohomish

are actively working in the Ventura and Balboa neighborhoods. They are clearing areas to prepare for potential fires that may occur due to the expected winds in the coming days and weeks.

Due to the current weather conditions, the Tulalip Bay Fire Department will be stationed in Los Angeles for the next two weeks as they continue their efforts to combat the fire.

If you or someone you know would like to help, you can donate to the California Fire

Foundation Wildfire and Disaster Relief Fund at lahsa.org. Your support can make a significant difference in helping those affected rebuild their lives.

Big House of Doggs serves up hot dogs to those in need



By *Kalvin Valdillez*

Even through the sound of constant traffic, the familiar melodic piano chords of 'Still D.R.E.' could be heard blasting in the parking lot of the now defunct Walmart on Highway 99. It was a fitting and perfect moment, when S-N-double O-P's voice came on during the chorus, a group of volunteers posed in front of a sign that read Big House of Doggs, spelled in the style of uncle Snoop himself: D-O-double G. And ooooweee, the delicious smell of glizzys filled the air.

"My name is Tyler, but everyone calls me Big House," exclaimed a very tall and burly gentleman with a warm friendly smile. As the rest of the crew nodded their heads to the beat and carried on with preparations, Big House was joined by his wife and Tulalip tribal member, Celia Dockendorff to discuss their new business venture.

According to the couple, the idea of Big House of Doggs came organically during a scroll through social media. "It was just one of those things," Tyler explained. "I was on Facebook

Marketplace, and I saw that there was a hot dog cart for sale. And I asked Celia what do you think about us selling hot dogs? She is always down for anything I come up with and she was like, 'Yeah, sure. Why not?'"

Celia added, "My mom drove us down to Portland, and we got it. It was just a \$1600 little cart. And we've been doing this for over a year now. The Stick Games Tournament was our first gig, and it just took off from there."

From humble beginnings to an instant crowd favorite, the Dockendorff's hot dog stand has served locals at many tribal events throughout the past year, including the Lights and Ice festival at the Tulalip Amphitheater. The passion for culinary arts must've been passed down to the next generation because Celia's aunt is none other than Lynette Jimicum, owner of the iconic TeePee Creepers, which was the very first Native American food stand at the Bite of Seattle in 2023. And this year, another Native American owned food stand will be added to the list as Big House of Doggs prepares for their debut at the summertime event.

Picking up knowledge and the ins-and-outs of the local food truck game from TeePee Creepers, Tyler and Celia know branding is everything. That must be the reason why Big House of Doggs boasts a fun and unique logo that features their very own Boston terrier in a doghouse, holding a pair of tongs in one paw and a hot dog with all the fixings in the other. Which of course makes for a fun anecdote to share with their customers.

Said Big House, “We don’t have kids. We have tons of nieces and nephews and family, but it’s just us and our dog. So, we based the theme around our dog.”

To passersby and hungry customers, this may just look like a whimsical themed hot dog stand, but it is so much more when considering the owners and how big their hearts are. When interacting with the duo, it’s sweet to see how much love they have for each other. And of course, through our teachings we learn that when working with good hearts and a positive mindset, your art will have a terrific outcome. And that’s no exception here. At the top of the article, we talked about how one could hear hip hop classics bumping through their speakers, but what we have yet to mention is how awesome it was to hear the group of volunteers laughing, joking, and sharing stories while

they worked. It was good vibes all around and a testament to the type of environment Celia and Big House create while on the job.

That brings us to the afternoon of January 14, and the reason Big House of Doggs was stationed alongside the highway. In this particular area of Everett, there seems to be a large population of folk who fell on hard times and are braving the cold winter without shelter. Many of whom are also experiencing bouts of hunger pangs. As we mentioned before, the Dockendorff’s have big hearts. And after their first successful year in business, they decided to look out for those individuals struggling to get by on a day-to-day basis.

“We are so grateful that the Tribe was able to put together Lights and Ice and put us in a position to have a good end to the year,” shared Tyler. “Because we were super successful, we thought it was important to give back and make sure the community knows that we appreciate them. We were supported by the Tribe and so we wanted to give back as much as we could and support other people.”

“My grandma always gave back,” Celia stated. “She always made sure that after I went through all my clothes, or if I had like an extra sweater that I didn’t need, we would go to Seattle and my grandma would give it out. She was



huge on that. And me, my mom, and my sisters would make sandwiches to pass out in Seattle when I was younger. So, it’s been awhile but this is really good for the soul.”

In addition to bringing Big House of Doggs to the people, Celia and Big House also invited others to join in on the give back effort. Not only did people receive hot dogs and chips free of charge, but they also walked away with warm clothes, blankets, hot chocolate and/or cider, and a BBQ plate.

After posting up for several hours, and providing food to over 300 people in need, the night ended on somewhat of a sour note as the security of the strip mall took issue with their presence in the area. But even after they were not-so-kindly asked to leave, that didn’t dampen their spirits.

“Sometimes it’s better to ask for forgiveness, because we were still able to accomplish our goal today,” Big House reflected. “We will definitely be doing this again, but hopefully with approval.”

You can catch Big House of Doggs throughout the year at local gatherings or during their occasional pop ups on the reservation. They are already slated to appear at Boom City, TRC’s Employee Day, and the Bite of Seattle in 2025. Updates can be found on either Tyler’s personal Facebook wall or on their Big House of Boom Fireworks page. You can also scan the QR code with your phone’s camera or follow this link, <https://lisi.menu/6722cfc7d987e> to check out their menu.





Important Notice from the **Higher Education** team



We are experiencing technical issues with our landlines, voicemails, and emails. Please continue to send emails to highereducation@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov and use **"Reply All."** To expedite service as we onboard new Higher Ed Specialists, please include your **school's name** in the **subject line** of your email.

If we have not responded to your email, voicemail, or call within 24 hours, please call or text Marjorie James, *Interim Higher Education Manager*, at **425-422-1524**.

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS



NEW STUDENTS AND STUDENTS RETURNING AFTER MORE THAN 2 SCHOOL YEARS:

- ✓ Copy of your Tribal ID
- ✓ Copy of HS Diploma or GED
- ✓ Higher Ed Application
- ✓ FERPA (LIST ALL PEOPLE)
- ✓ Acceptance Letter or Academic Program Change notification
- ✓ FAFSA Submission Summary
- ✓ Education Program Plan
- ✓ Goal Letter
- ✓ Higher Ed Policy Agreement (SIGNED)
- ✓ HS Counselor Letter (RUNNING START)



CONTINUING STUDENTS RENEWED ANNUALLY:

- ✓ Higher Ed Application
- ✓ FAFSA Submission Summary
- ✓ Notice of Scholarship/Grant

CONTINUING STUDENTS RENEWED EACH TERM:

- ✓ Grades from previous term
- ✓ Schedule or Program Outline
- ✓ Tuition Invoice (MUST INCLUDE INVOICE # AND DATE) and, when applicable, receipt or other proof of payment.



OUT OF AREA STUDENTS, RENEWED UPON ADDRESS/LEASE CHANGE AND AS PAYMENTS ARE DUE:

- ✓ Lease Agreement
- ✓ Landlord's W-9, OR when applicable, receipts or other proof of payment



**Please ensure that all submitted documents sent are in PDF format*

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Tulalip Tribal Members Only!

Open House on Wednesday January 22, 2025 from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm.

Complete Applications are due by Monday January 27, 2024 4:00 p.m. - No Exceptions

Tulalip Tribes Asset & Real Estate Department is currently accepting rental applications for a 3-Bedroom, 2-Bath Rental Home. Rent will be \$2,100.00 per month - does not include utilities.

This 3-bedroom, 2-Bath home features New Appliances, Luxury Vinyl Plank Flooring, Washer/Dryer Hookups, Detached Garage, Approximately 1,512 sq. ft. of Living Space, Lots of Storage Space, Large Deck In Backyard, Large Private Yard

Tenant will be selected through a **lottery selection on Wednesday January 29, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Tulalip Administration Building. Applications must be turned in to the Asset & Real Estate Department by January 27 by 4:00 p.m. A security deposit of \$2,100.00 and first month's rent of \$2,100.00 are due before move in, by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Tulalip Tribes. Applicant cannot be delinquent on any debt to the Tribe. Must provide income verification to qualify. To be income eligible your household must have gross monthly income of \$6,300.00. **Non-refundable Pet Fee of \$200.00 for approved pets only. Must complete and pass background check and UA screening.** Please read and follow instructions on the first page of the application as we cannot process any incomplete applications. **\$53 application fee per adult.** Applicants are not required to attend the lottery drawing, however, all are welcome to attend.

Application Fees Subject to Change.

Please call or text **Joe at 360-547-2625** with any questions or if you need assistance with the application.



EXCITING NEWS!

Tulalip Health Clinic is installing

NEW

x-ray equipment!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

X-ray services will be **unavailable for 3 weeks** during the installation process.

Please continue to visit the clinic for evaluations and appointments. If you need an X-ray, your provider will refer you to an external service. This ensures you receive a referral and/or purchase order (PO) so that CHS can cover the charges.

TIMELINE:

X-ray services will be down starting today, **January 13**, and will be back up on **February 3**.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

The Tulalip Health Clinic Team

MINOR TRUST ACCOUNTS

2025 FINANCIAL CLASS



REGISTER FOR ALL CLASSES

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PRIOR TO 1ST DISTRIBUTION

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Registration is mandatory, no drop-ins,
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CASH CLASS



IN-PERSON

2:30PM-5:00PM

January 24	May 23	September 5
March 7	June 13	October 17
April 18	July 25	December 5

—OR—



DISTANCE LEARNING

(NON-LOCAL MEMBERS) 3:30PM-6:00PM

February 11	May 20	August 26
April 22	June 10	November 18
	July 22	

—AND—



VIRTUAL CLASS

Any time, just email Enrollment to get registered or go to the Tulalip Tribes website, Minor Trusts webpage.

PRIOR TO 3RD DISTRIBUTION

Meet with financial advisor



FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Provided from Tulalip or any other outside professional financial advisor

January 27 - 28	April 28 - 29
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Our Commitment



Respect and Dignity: We ensure residents enjoy their civil and legal rights.



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For more information, call **360-716-4675**

Court notices

TUL-CV-EL-2024-0792, SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip, WA. TO: CASSANDRA JONES (D.O.B. 07/26/1982). You are hereby notified that a petition for a Elder Protection Order was filed in the above entitled court pursuant to TTC 4.30. You are hereby summoned to appear regarding the above-entitled action at a hearing on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 at 9AM, in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and must take steps to protect you interests. RESPONDENT SHALL APPEAR AND ANSWER THE COMPLAINT WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMONS, IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND OR SERVE YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF PUBLICATION, THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER OF DEFAULT AGAINST YOU, AND THE COURT MAY, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, ENTER A DECREE AND APPROVE OR PROVIDE FOR THE OTHER RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT. Date first published: December 14, 2024.

TUL-CV-YI-2024-0987. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: A. G. III TO: ANDRES GOMEZ, JR., AND SAMANTHA BIRD GOSHORN, YOU ARE BOTH HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are both hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above-entitled action at an IN PERSON Adjudicatory Hearing on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, at 09:00 A.M. – IN PERSON; This will be an IN PERSON hearing in Tulalip Tribal Court; go to 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. NOTICE: You have important legal rights, and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: December 21, 2024.

TUL-CV-YI-2012-0014. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: M. L. J. C. TO: LANA SHANNON BREEDLOVE FKA LANA SHANNON JONES-CHARLES, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action was filed and is ongoing in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above-entitled action at a TELEPHONIC Permanent Plan Review Hearing on TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025, at 01:00 P.M. – REMOTE; This will be a REMOTE, CALL-IN HEARING in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. TO CALL IN TO YOUR HEARING USE TELEPHONE NUMBER 224-501-3412 AND THEN USE ACCESS CODE 212-638-629. NOTICE: You have important legal rights, and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: November 23, 2024.



Transportation Community Input Needed!



- ◆ Are you interested in learning more about Transportation improvement plans on the Reservation!
- ◆ Scan the QR code below to review the Tulalip Tribes DRAFT Transportation goals and policies.
- ◆ Have ideas or questions about improving, changing, or adding new goals and policies related to Transportation Planning?
- ◆ Scan the QR code below and provide your comments TODAY!

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