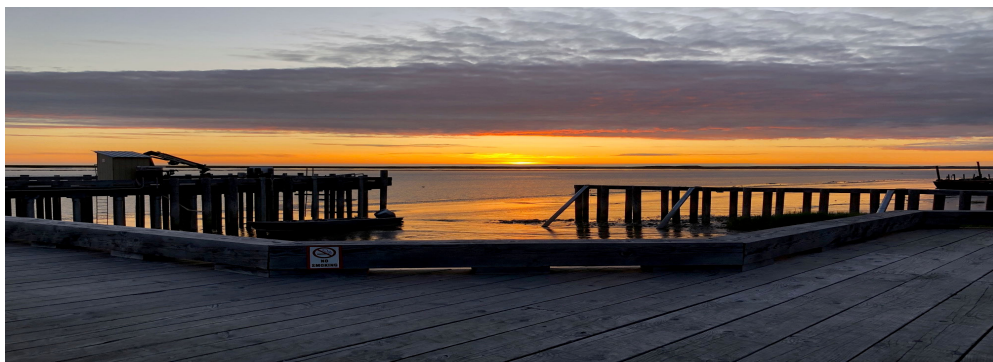


UGASHIK RIVER SOJOURN



**The beauty of the
Ugashik land and river**



Ugashik Sunset from the Dock - Compliments of Michael Enright

President's Note

Greetings to All!

Where to begin?? The past 18 months have been history in the making. The Covid-19 global pandemic has wreaked havoc across the world, but UTV Council and staff have worked hard to keep things going. The strength and character of our village has been amazing. So much has changed this past year. Life in the midst of Covid has initiated fear, frustration and worry amongst our tribal members, but it is important for you to know that the Staff and Council are working very hard to stay abreast of developments nationally and locally, and are committed to making decisions that will be in the best interest of your health, well being and safety. We are dedicated to a cooperative process of decision making and dialogue with you as we continue to navigate the uncertainties of the situations we each must now live in.

Through the federal funding we've received through the 2020 CARES-Act and the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), UTV has and will continue to provide financial assistance to tribal member households. More than 40 households received rental/mortgage or fuel assistance. We distributed close to 80 \$500 restricted Walmart cards to these households and \$300 utility payments were made for 50 households.

Thanks to a second funding from the CARES-Act, we will be providing another round of rental/mortgage or fuel assistance. Included in this packet is an application for those households who continue to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Please review this document carefully and if you qualify, fill it out and send it in to the Anchorage office for processing.

The ARPA funding will enable UTV to engage in several infrastructure projects in the village, as well as provide additional assistance to our tribal member households. Over the course of the next 3-5 months, we will be providing the following to each tribal member household:

- ◆ Two \$500 restricted Walmart Cards
- ◆ \$500 utility payments
- ◆ Housing Improvement Funding to all home owners. The details of this program are still being developed.
- ◆ Elder care for those who are in need of assisted living.

If you have questions about any of the programs UTV will be providing, please call the office and speak with Steven, our Tribal Administrator. He will be able to explain in detail how the programs will work and when you can expect to see the benefits.

Stay safe and healthy!

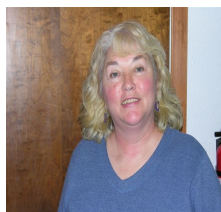
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UTVC President



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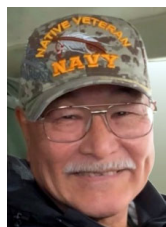
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Tribal Administrator Report

Hello UTV Tribal Members!

It has been a crazy year and a half since the last newsletter went out! Covid-19 has played a big part in that! In the past year we have been working diligently to administer financial assistance to tribal member households through the funding we received from the 2020 CARES-Act. As Hattie noted, more than 40 households were able to receive rental/mortgage or fuel assistance. Close to 80 \$500 Walmart cards were given out to each tribal member household, and 50 households received \$300 utility payments. This past year (2021) we received additional CARES-Act funding which we will couple with this year's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide \$2,500 in rental/mortgage or fuel assistance to all households that qualify. An application is included with this newsletter outlining the process. You will need to show how the pandemic has affected your income, loss of work, inability to find a job, etc. We are hoping to get this program going before the end of the calendar year, but need you to fill out the application and get it back to the Anchorage office as soon as you can. This year, we received additional federal funding through the ARPA that will enable UTV to provide continued financial assistance to tribal member households. Please note that we are not allowed to just give out money or dividends. The U.S. Department of Treasury is very specific on what the funds can be utilized for. The Council met in early October to discuss what projects and programs this money will fund. After detailed discussions with staff, UTV is proposing the following projects:

Two high volume wells for the village — Increasing the size of the Community Center's septic tank — Installation of broadband (fiber optic) or improved satellite dishes so all active homes can have internet access — Installing a septic tank and bathroom at the Cannery Bldg. —New hybrid energy system for the second equipment storage building — Water improvements for active village homes that don't have functional wells — Improvements for, or installation of septic systems for active village homes — \$500 utility payments for all tribal member households — Two \$500 restricted Walmart cards for food, cleaning supplies and household items for all tribal member households — Elder care for tribal members who are in need of assisted living — A Housing Improvement program for home owners, that will provide funding to repair and/or renovate existing homes (the details of this program are still getting worked out).

Needless to say, these programs are in addition to the day to day operations we're already doing. Throughout the course of the next several months, you will be getting mailings from the office with further details on the financial assistance programs. Also more details are in the following pages.

Steven Alvarez — Tribal Manager & Administrator

Rental/Mortgage or Fuel Assistance

Please be aware that Ugashik Traditional Village in 2021, received an additional round of funding through the CARES-Act to help provide financial aid for both tribal operations and tribal members. This funding is designed to provide financial assistance to tribal members to help cover expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 public health crises. This funding comes from the Department of Treasury and is to be used for tribal members who have incurred unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. UTV Council has determined that this funding will be distributed to assist with housing and/or utilities costs. Included with this newsletter is information and an application for this assistance. If you meet the following criteria and require financial support with rental assistance, and/or utilities costs due to the public health crises, please fill out the accompanying application form.

Criteria for selection:

- 1) Tribal Members who have lost their employment or source of revenue due to the COVID-19 public health crises;
- 2) Tribal Member Households who have experienced a loss of income or increased expenses due to the public health crises.

3) Tribal Members who have experienced any financial setback due to the COVID-19 public health crises.

Due to the limited amount of funds received from the Federal Government, priority must be given to those who can document that they have lost their job or have incurred a loss of revenue due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Only Ugashik Traditional Village Tribal Members can apply. **If there are two tribal members living in the same household, only ONE application will be considered for rental assistance or utilities expenses.**

Please note that only one grant of up to \$2,500.00 can be awarded per tribal member household.

This CARES-Act funded program is for tribally enrolled members of the Ugashik Traditional Village who are 18 years or older, and rent or own their own housing.

Please review the letter of attestation and application documents enclosed with this newsletter for further instructions and details outlining this financial assistance program.

If you have any questions about your eligibility, please call Tribal Manager Steven Alvarez.

Restricted Walmart Card Program (ARPA)

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law in 2021. This law provides funding to all recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. This program is less restrictive than the CARES-Act.

UTVC has approved a number of programs and initiatives that will utilize this funding for village infrastructure projects, as well as programs that can directly benefit tribal members and tribal member households. Last year through the CARES-Act UTV purchased \$500 restricted Walmart gift cards. Through ARPA, we will once again provide these \$500 restricted Walmart gift cards for each tribal household (for food and cleaning supplies purchases only). This will be provided twice over the next few

months. Each household will receive two \$500 gift cards, one before the Thanksgiving Holiday and one in early 2022.

The office staff is securing these cards now. Please note that these cards are NOT for every tribal member, but for each tribal member household. Each household will receive a total of two cards, which will be mailed out to each head of household. Please be on the lookout for this.

Again, if you have any questions about your eligibility, please call Tribal Manager Steven Alvarez.

We hope and pray that your Holiday Season is joyous and peaceful!

UTV Council

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Ugashik Summer Residents & Visitors 2021



Utility assistance for UTV Tribal Member Households

We hope you are staying safe and healthy in these trying times. By now you should all be aware that Ugashik Traditional Village has received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help provide financial aid for tribal member households. This funding came from the Department of Treasury to be used for tribal members who have incurred unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

UTV Council has determined that a portion of this funding should be utilized to assist with utilities costs for each **Tribal Member Household**. The Council has allotted \$500.00 for each household to cover costs for any of the household's utilities. **Payments will be made directly to your utility company.** In order to facilitate this we need for you to send to the UTV office, a copy of your utility bill (or bills), with the name of the tribal member, the address and account number clearly visible. If you wish for this payment to be split up between two or more utility companies, please send in writing how you want this assistance to be applied. Tribal Member households who utilize the rental/mortgage or fuel assistance program for the purchase of heating fuel for their home, can add this amount to the total of your fuel purchase.

You can send in your information via the following:

- A) Email: manager@ugashikvillage.com and taa@ugashikvillage.com.
- B) USPS Mail or hand deliver to: 2525 Blueberry Road, Suite 205 Anchorage, AK 99503.
- C) Fax to: 907.338.7659

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility for this assistance, please contact the Anchorage office.

2021 Summer Projects



The Cannery Building gets a makeover.

Over the course of the last three years, the building has had a new floor foundation, new steel siding and roof, and new windows installed.

Looking Good!!



New Ice Machine



UTV is the proud owner of The Flying D Landing Craft



Tribal Member Mailing Address

With all the programs and assistance available through the CARES-Act and ARPA, it is imperative that we have a current mailing address for all adult tribal members. If you have recently moved, please contact the Anchorage office to update your mailing address.