# Tulalip Transit: Getting you where you need to go



By Kalvin Valdillez

Need a lift in a pinch? Did your ride bail on you at the last second? Too young for a license but you need transportation to a local Tulalip event or family gathering? Or are you in need of the vaccine but have no wheels to the scene? Tulalip Transit has your back! From 8:50 a.m. to 4:33 p.m., Monday through Friday, you can catch the transit at any one of their various stops throughout the village including the neighborhoods of Silver Village and Mission Highlands as well as at the Admin building and the Tulalip Health Clinic.

"Tulalip Transit has been operating since January 2011 and we have provided nearly 69,000 rides," explained Tulalip Transit Supervisor Mary Hargrove.

Celebrating a decades-worth of providing rides to the Tulalip citizenship this year, the Transit department has been an important facet of the Tribe, helping elders, youth, and everyone in-between reach the destination of their choosing around the reservation.

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# Winter wonderland an opportunity for old fashioned, outdoor fun

By Micheal Rios

The extended President's Day weekend brought with it a record setting snow fall for the Puget Sound area. Nearly nine inches of snow fell in the greater Seattle region on Saturday, and flurries continued to accumulate well into the predawn hours of Monday. The days-long white out meant Snowmageddon for those who felt trapped indoors, while

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# Narcan **Training**



# **Tulalip Overdose Detection Mapping** & Application Program (ODMAP)

Tulalip Tribal Court has a new website where community members can watch a short 8-minute training video, sign a waiver, and provide an address for drop off of a Narcan kit.

https://www.tulaliptribalcourt-nsn.gov/Pro.../NarcanTraining



The Tulalip Tribes are successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie and Skykomish Tribe and other tribes and bands signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliot, January 22, 1855

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In memoriam:

Frank F. Madison, 1923-2002 Sherrill Guydelkon, 1945-2008



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Not getting your syacab?

**Contact Rosie** Topaum at 360.716.4298 rtopaum@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

### News

#### **Transit** from front page



"The Transit is public transportation, meaning it's for everybody in the community," Mary stated. "There's only one route. It's primarily in the Tulalip Bay area, and it circulates the main human services; the Administration building, Health Clinic, the Boys & Girls club, the gym, Family Services, beda?chelh."

After nearly ten years in service, the two transit buses that are known throughout the community, with the blue and white tribal graphics, are getting a well-deserved rest with the introduction of a brand-spanking new bus that is loaded with features to accommodate the needs of the local populous.

"We have three buses total including the new bus," Mary stated. "They're called cutaways, or 12+2's, seating twelve ambulatory passengers and two wheelchairs. We were trying for about five years for a new bus. When we finally got it, it was ready to be picked up right as we got the stay-at-home order. So, it didn't actually get delivered to us until August. It took me a good length of time to get all of the protective equipment installed, and we started operating at the end of October."

She continued, "The new bus features front boarding and seating for wheelchair passengers, destination signs, pull cord stop requests, onboard cameras, StabiliTrak system, Telma transmission retarder, and engine fire suppression system. 80% of the money came from a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) competitive grant opportunity. Everybody that has seen it loves it. Even people who aren't getting on to ride; people driving about the community have actually stopped the driver to take a look at the bus."

Lead Transit Operator Darlene Pittman, a driver for Tulalip Transit from the very start, is at the helm of the new bus, navigating the streets of Tulalip while also connecting with her riders on a personal level, learning each person's first name and their story, upon entry to the bus. Darlene admitted her excitement for the new vehicle, stating the bus's new toys have already come in handy.

"I haven't had a rider that is in a wheelchair yet, but I have had people who are handicapped who needed to use the ramp," Darlene stated. "The seatbelts strap in and we have these little black bags on the side by the wheelchair spaces, those are wheelchair tie-downs. They tie down at four points, so you don't put any stress on it or break it if you stop suddenly. Another new feature that we didn't have before, and I think people will really like, is the bike rack located at the front of the bus. I also have the marquee board up in the front and on the side, it says 'Tulalip Bay' and 'Masks Required'. When I have to go get fuel, it will read 'Out of Service' and if there is an emergency on the bus and I don't want somebody to know I'm calling 9-1-1, I can change the marquee board to flash 'Emergency, call 9-1-1'."

Initially, when the pandemic hit, the transit services came to a complete halt. But as months went by and more information was learned about the virus, the department was able to open operations, with a great amount of emphasis on safety for the driver and the rider alike. The Transit department took several precautions and set forth new rules to help limit the spread of the

coronavirus. The department also received access to funding through the CARES Act, funding granted to help the Tribe withstand the global outbreak.

Said Mary, "The buses are equipped with a protective driver shield, sanitation supplies, reduced seating with availability to socially-distance, and we are requiring that masks be worn. All of this is for us to do everything we can to reduce the spread of COVID-19. I would also like to mention that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that if you have COVID-19 to avoid public transportation, ride-sharing or taxis. Our driver is masked, the passengers are required to wear masks, we have signage posted on the bus, we disinfect the bus, and we have masks on board in the event somebody wants to board but doesn't have a mask."

Mary explained that the Transit adheres to a strict, set route but the driver is able to deviate from the route up to 3/4 of a mile, depending on the drivers schedule and if proper arrangements are made at least one day in advance.

"We have a fixed route but we also provide route deviation for registered passengers," she stated. "We will do deviation upon request. We're making efforts to provide more personalized services to the community. For instance, we had an elder who was at her friend's house and she

TULALIP BAY						
Administration Building	Silver Village	Mission Highlands	Silver Village	Clinic	64th Ave NW	Administration Building
8:50 am	9:00 am	9:05 am	9:15 am	9:22 am	9:28 am	9:34 am
9:43 am	9:53 am	9:58 am	10:12 am	10:19 am	10:25 am	10:31 am
12:43 pm	12:53 pm	12:58 pm	1:12 pm	1:19 pm	1:25 pm	1:31 pm
1:42 pm	1:52 pm	1:57 pm	2:11 pm	2:18 pm	2:24 pm	2:30 pm
2:50 pm	3:00 pm	3:05 pm	3:15 pm	3:22 pm	3:28 pm	3:34 pm
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## News

needed to get home. Her friend didn't want her to walk down to the bus stop. The bus stop was just down the street from where she was, so we picked her up at her friend's door and took her directly to her home. But like I mentioned, we can only deviate up to 3/4 of a mile off the route."

The Tulalip Transit is currently running on a reduced schedule due to COVID-19, operating with one driver throughout the business week. The Transit does not offer services on the major

holidays, so please keep that in mind when planning your travels. Please refer to their current schedule and the map provided to determine the closest bus stop in your area. For more information please visit their webpage at www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/Home/Community/ TulalipTransit.aspx or dial 360-716-4206.

Darlene reflected, "I've been here for eleven years and it's exciting to see how we grew in everything that we do, and how we can make it better. I'm glad we finally got a new bus. The Tulalip Transit is important because what if you were stuck at home and needed to get to the Tulalip pharmacy but you didn't drive, how would you get there? We're here to serve the public and I think we're hitting it on the mark pretty well. We just want to continue to let people know we're here and we'd be happy to get them where they need to go."

#### Winter from front page

others ventured outside into the welcoming winter wonderland for old fashioned fun.

What a sight to behold as Tulalip families and citizens of all ages could be seen outside enjoying the fresh air and land covered blanket of soft, powdery snow. No Zoom calls for working parents nor school aged children. No screen zombies spellbound by a TV, computer or cellphone. Instead, it was a return to a previous era when a typical kid's highlight was playing outside, equipped with only their boundless imagination and whatever the elements had in store that day.

Many a snowball was formed and thrown with comical accuracy, snowmen were built in Frosty's image, youth piloted four wheelers conquered Snowpocalypse conditions, majestic snow angels were made, and bragging rights were had as children competed in downhill, sled sprints. Proud parents did their best reindeer impression by pulling a child behind them on their make shift sleds, and some even took it to the next level by allowing their kids to completely cover them in snow cocoons.

Memories galore. Family-filled experiences. Children being children again. It may have only been just one weekend, but for some it'll be a joyous memory literally frozen in time thanks to a well-timed February snowstorm.





















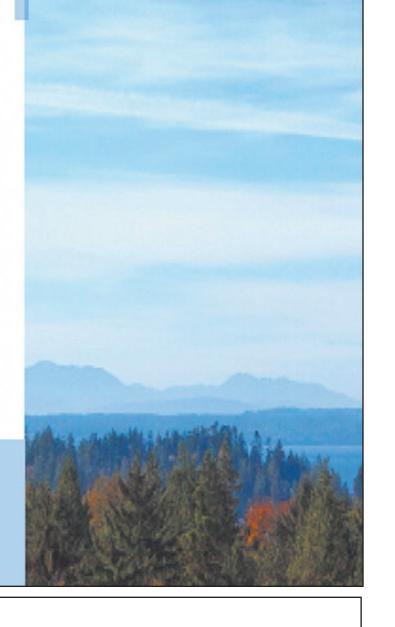


# Tulalip Community Health

The Transportation department will be providing transport for Tulalip Tribal Members who desire to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

**CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR TRANSPORT** 

Main Line: 360-716-5662 Dispatch: 360-722-1635



# **Planning Commissioner Position**

The Tulalip Tribes is seeking applications to fill one, three-year, non-Tulalip Tribal member position, term expiring in March 2024.

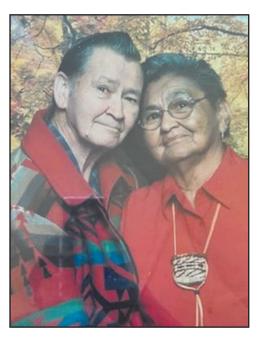
The Planning Department's mission is to provide the Tulalip community with the services necessary to achieve the Tribes' vision for Reservation lands, protecting public health, safety and general welfare, while asserting tribal authority over the Reservation to include land use, and to prepare, update, and implement long-range plans.



Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have resided within the exterior boundaries of the Tulalip Indian Reservation for the past year, not enrolled as a Tulalip Tribal member, and not presently employed by the Tulalip Tribes Planning Department. Commissioners are appointed by the Tulalip Board of Directors.

Interested parties must submit a Letter of Interest and proof of residency to **jgold@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov** by 4 pm, February 26, 2021.

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# **Katherine Maryanne Monger**

March 31, 1937 -February 5, 2021

Katherine Maryanne Monger of Tulalip WA went to be with our lord on Feb 5, 2021. She was born March 31, 1937 in Auburn WA. She loved to travel with the 1910 shaker members and cedar circle.

She was very traditional, would share her teachings with everybody that would listen every chance she could. She served on the enrollment committee for the Tulalip Tribes for years. She loved to travel with the seniors and

enjoyed playing bingo and slots. She also enjoyed sewing, crocheting. She loved cooking especially for special events at the Tulalip Amphitheatre, Boom City, kid's fundraiser events for sports, family and spiritual functions. Although she was a raider fan she supported our Seahawks and enjoyed game days with family.

She was proceeded in death by her husband of 47 years James (Jim) Monger Dad & Mom Robert & Ivy Guss, daughters Ivy Guss II & Ella Sanchez, Brother Alvin Charles, Grandsons Albert Power and John Gibson and son in law Robert Power. And her fur baby- baby. She is survived by her favorite cousin Lillian (Baby) Gomez and

family, daughter Elizabeth Monger Grandchildren Michael (Crystal) Monger, Chris (Heidi) Enick, Dakota (Darla) Monger, David and Andrew Enick, Robert (Lisa) Guss, Ivy and Selena Guss and Anthony Power, 27 great grandchildren 15 great great-grandchildren and numerous adopted kids and grandkids and extended family. She touched many lives and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Viewing at Schafer-Shipman funeral home was Wed Feb 10, 2021 8am-10:30 am. Burial followed at Mission Beach Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Schaefer-Shipman Funeral Home.

#### Dedicated to the Cortez Family and the Tulalip Tribes, in loving memory of Tulalip Tribal Officer, Charlie Cortez

You shall never be forgotten. Thought you may be gone from this world, your spirit shall live forever. It lives in the laughing eyes of children. It lives in the bravery and conviction of those who still struggle for liberty, and it lives in each of us. For we the people of the Tulalip Tribes promise to cherish every breath for which you paid, the ultimate price.

We ask only that we be granted some small fraction of your courage and strength, to face the challenges of our lives with honor and dignity worthy of your legacy. May you rest in eternal peace, safe in the knowledge that your sacrifice was not made in vain.

I never thought it would be me. My name for all eternity recorded here at this hallowed place. My name alas, no more face. In the line of duty I hear them say, my family now the price to pay. My folded flag stained with tears, we only had a few short years. The badge no longer on my chest. I sleep now in eternal rest. I pray now you keep this thought in mind.

I never dreamt it would be me, and on my heavy heart and bended knee, I ask, Dear Lord, let my name be last. Amen.

With sincere condolences and respect, Dottie, Tony Sweeney, Tulalip tribal elder

#### **Court Notices**

TUL-CV-YG-2020-0768. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: M. R. C. T0:TROY EUGENE CARLSON: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth Guardianship action was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05 regarding the above mentioned youth. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at a hearing on March 11, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-571-317-3112, access code: 286-262-589. 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: January 23, 2021

TUL-CV-YG-2021-0117. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: G. C. R. TO: NICHOLAS GEORGE REEVES: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth Guardianship action was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05 regarding the above mentioned youth. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at a hearing on March 25, 2021 at 9:30 AM in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-571-317-3112, access code: 286-262-589. 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: January 30, 2021.

TUL-CV-YI-2011-0430 and TUL-CV-YI-2011-0431. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: S. X. E. and E. K. E. TO: DORTHEA LILLIAN TSOODLE and JAMES PETER EDWARDS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action was filed 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 Permanent Plan Review Hearing on June 22, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-224-501-3412, 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: February 20, 2021.



# **Youth Funding 2021**

# Family Resource Department



Youth & Family Resource Manager 360.716.4931 | vikcihill@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Shoe Vouchers K-5th Grade: \$60 6th-12th Grade: \$75

> Vendors Available Nike. Fred Meyer. Footlocker

> > 3 Trimesters 1st: January 2nd: May 3rd: September

Tutorial Funding \$2500 Activity Funding \$500

> Private School \$10,000

Invoices need to be sent in prior to school year August 2021

Appointments only for walk in finance services. Drop box at the Youth Center WWW.TULALIPYOUTHSERVICES.COM