



Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center

2021 ISSUE

YEAR IN REVIEW NEWSLETTER

NEWS

Purchase of the Lots to the North and Duwamish Longhouse Crosswalk

Duwamish Tribal Services (DTS) purchased 4 lots to the north of the Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center. The lots, formerly known as the Ivers property, were leased by DTS for 3 months starting on September 1 and then purchased on December 1. The Ivers have been our neighbors for many years and had established their compressed gas business in the mid 1970s.

Since September, the Longhouse has cleaned the adjacent north lot, trimmed back the vegetation and has been able to use it as overflow parking. DTS plans to develop the property over the next couple of years to include parking, a coffee stand and additional offices for the Tribe. The property is also at the site where Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has just installed a lighted pedestrian crosswalk spanning West Marginal Way to həʔapus (Ha Ah Poos) Village Park. As of December 4 the crosswalk allows safe passage and easier access to the River with which our Tribe has a cultural connection.



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Ridge to River Trail Project

With the lighted crosswalk it will now be possible to walk from the trail system on the ridge to the Longhouse and then across Marginal Way to the River. As of May, DTS received the geotechnical and feasibility study contracted with Herrera Environmental Consultants. This gives us the foundation to apply for the EPA's Brownfields Grant to receive funding to restore the system of trails within the West Duwamish Greenbelt on the ridge. Along with the study DTS is partnering with the UW, Seattle Parks, King Conservation District and other volunteers to monitor the quality of the water within the Puget Creek Watershed. These efforts fall in line with our effort to restore our upland reforestation project to create an environment that fosters the growth of native plants and promotes healthy aquatic life for our community and the River.



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Spirit Returns 2.0

As of October 9, the Longhouse gallery now houses the cedar bark hat of siʔat (Chief Seattle) along with a shawl remnant of his daughter Kikisoblu (Princess Angeline) on permanent display in our new exhibit Spirit Returns 2.0. DTS contracted with Heidi Bohan, author of "People of Cascadia", as our museum curator. She did an amazing job putting together the display cases and adding signage. Spirit Returns 2.0 reexamines non-native settler accounts of early relations with the Duwamish tribe to set the stage for a celebration of contemporary collaborations and friendship between these communities. The project was in conjunction with the Log House Museum where they temporarily exhibited letters from early settler David S. "Doc" Maynard.

Come for a self guided tour of our new exhibit to see what life was like for our ancestors prior to the arrival of settlers.



SAVE THE DATE
Friday Evening, October 8, 2021

Please be our special guest to preview the *Spirit Returns 2.0 A Duwamish and Settler Story* exhibition.

This revival exhibit Spirit Returns 2.0 is a testimony of two decades of Swelex (Lushootseed) perseverance and progress that shares the Indigenous culture and lifeways of the Duwamish within the space that was reclaimed in 2009 with the completion of the Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center.

Together again with the Southwest Historical Society, we explore the stories of two cultures melding and transitioning into the Seattle we know today.

Then visit the Log House Museum at their grand exhibit opening on October 9th.

This exhibit models and celebrates the lasting friendships between the settler and Duwamish people as a unique collaborative exhibit between the Loghouse Museum highlighting "Rethinking Seattle History" and the Duwamish Longhouse "We are still here," the Lifeways of the Duwamish people.

Enjoy an evening of a selection of PNW wines and light hors d'oeuvres as our special guest.

Please RSVP to
Nancys@duwamishtribe.org

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Ecotours

DTS started Ecotours in part of the Covid-19 response to have activities outside at the Longhouse. The tours are also to increase awareness of our River's significance to our Tribe and to recruit and train members to be active environmental stewards of the River. It has been a great success with several visitors to the Longhouse, the trails and the River! However, we must bid our main tour guide, Andrew Grueter, goodbye as he embarks to start his new life in Mexico with his upcoming wedding! We will resume Ecotours once we find his replacement.



Online Gift Store

More positive news in the midst of the pandemic has been our on-line gift shop. Launched in July 2020 we have been able to offer customers and regular visitors to the in-house store alternatives ways to purchase native items. In addition the closing of the West Seattle Bridge has made it even more difficult for folks to come and shop. Our on-line gift store offers shipping within the US and if you're in a hurry, you can choose to pick up your order here at the Longhouse. Thanks to Olivia Johnson and Victoria Welch and all the others who have kept the store running smoothly!



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022

Duwamish Blend Coffee

With the purchase of additional property, DTS plans to build a coffee stand on the new property. DTS has been awarded the Duwamish River Opportunity Fund (DROF) grant from January – October 2022 managed by Maria Ramirez, a longtime supporter and volunteer of the Tribe. Our goal is to partner with Caffè Umbria to supply our coffee and create a “Duwamish Blend” with unique packaging that tells the Tribe’s story. Caffè Umbria hails from Perugia where the Tribe has ties with the Etruscan peoples.

In September of 2021, Longhouse Director Jolene Haas, assistant to the director Nancy Sackman and Maria Ramirez met with staff at Caffè Umbria’s roasting plant in Georgetown to taste blends, observe roasting and packaging. We hope to start selling a Duwamish Blend coffee in the gift store at the beginning of the year to help fund our coffee stand in addition to the DROF grant!

Seattle Veterinary Outreach

DTS is partnering with Seattle Veterinary Outreach (SVO) to provide monthly pet services to low income and homeless people. Services will include preventative care, cat neuters, free pet food and gear, vaccines, flea prevention, nail trims, microchips and pet ID tags. Stay tuned for dates and locations where SVO will hold their monthly clinics in 2022.



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Celebrating our Volunteers and Supporters

The Tribe wants to express many thanks to our volunteers, our supporters, Tribal Council, DTS Board and Longhouse staff who have made events and programs at the Longhouse a success. Real Rent supporters have grown from over 13,000 people to nearly 20,000. We raise our hands to you and those who donate their time to support our Federal recognition.



12th Anniversary of the Longhouse Opening

In January the Longhouse celebrated its 12th year since opening in 2009. For many years, our tribe had no central gathering place. We fought hard for the land that the Longhouse sits upon, an important location in close proximity to the Duwamish River and the largest archaeological dig of a Duwamish village site to date. We were persistent in raising money to build the Longhouse the way we wanted. Decades later, it stands as the only Longhouse in the city of Seattle.

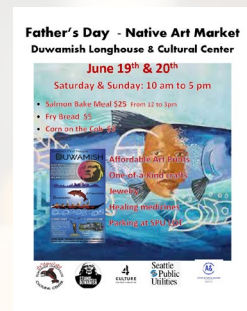
In 2021 the Longhouse held 19 cultural tours that served 410 people, 65 Ecotours that served 616 people and 20 rentals for the year. Over \$3,500 people either attended an event or came to visit the Longhouse.



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Native Art Markets

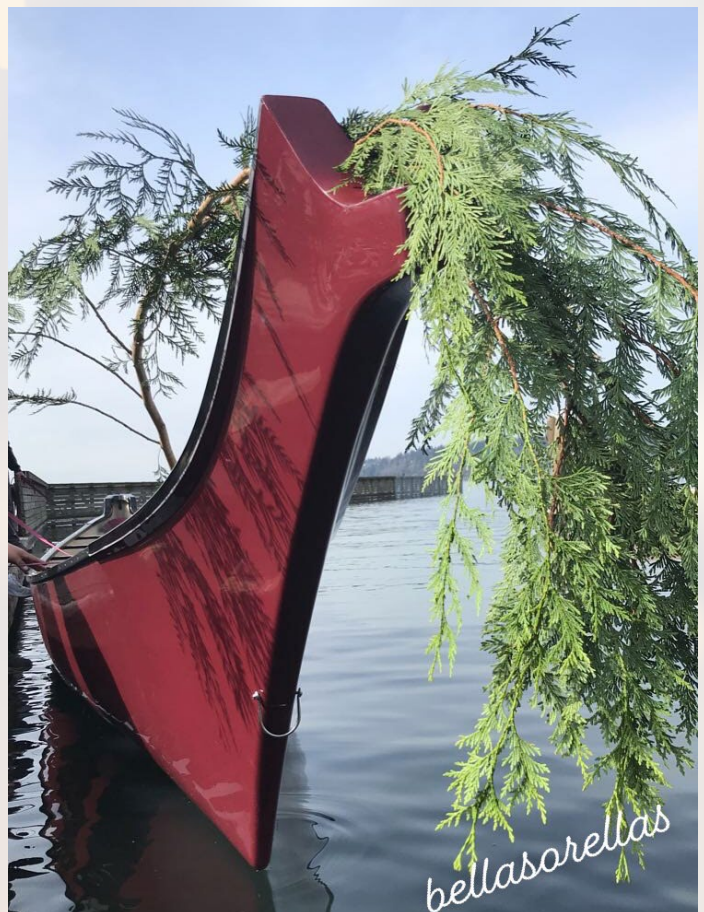
This year the Longhouse hosted 4 art markets; the Spring Fling Pop Up Art Market, the Father's Day Art Market, the Labor Day Land Acknowledgment Art Market and the November Art Market. Again thanks to all of our volunteers and staff who put in extra time to ensure these events went smoothly! Our November art market was a huge success with the amount of visitors and number of sales in both the gift shop and Kaya's Kitchen which featured soup and fry bread.



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Raven sali? (2)

At the end of November 2020, the Tribal Council voted to purchase a fiberglass canoe and trailer from clipper canoes. The canoe was delivered in 2021. The canoe is a 36 foot / 18 paddler canoe in red. Shortly after delivery, the tribal community gathered to perform a blessing ceremony on Lake Washington in Renton. The canoe was named Raven sali?. Please contact our office and let us know if you are interested in being part of the Duwamish Canoe Family. Updates about canoe activities can be found on our Duwamish canoe family Facebook page. Tribal community members are encouraged to regularly attend monthly cultural activities at the Longhouse to prepare spiritually and mentally to be considered for a seat in the canoe. Non tribal community volunteers are always welcome and needed to support our Duwamish canoe family. Hands Up and may we always be safe and blessed by this wonderful new addition to the Duwamish Canoe family.



Salish Sea Tours

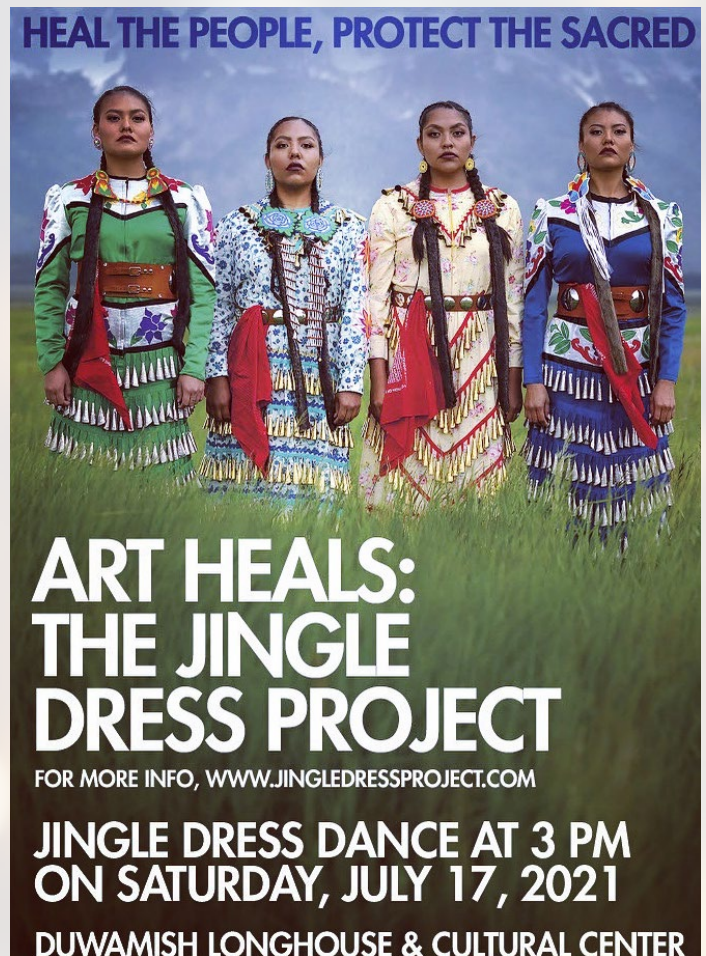
On June 25 Kyle Griffith of the Chinook Tribe launched Salish Sea Tours with two 93 foot catamarans from Pier 57 in Seattle. Pier 57 Enterprises worked for over a year with staff and leadership to prepare a tour that included the Indigenous voice and story of the Duwamish. This is the first tour in Seattle and Puget Sound that has included an Indigenous perspective and we are honored and excited that the 3 billion dollars and millions of tourists that visit the shores of Puget Sound each year will now include for the first time the story of the Duwamish. The Tribe was on hand to support Kyle at the launch party on June 24. The Chinook Tribe, like the Duwamish, is also another unrecognized tribe fighting for their Federal recognition and acknowledgment.



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The Jingle Dress Project

In July the Jingle Dress Project honored us by dancing a sacred, healing dance in the Longhouse Ceremonial Room to uplift the Tribe.



Princess Angeline Scholarship Fund— 2 Recipients!

This year the award for the Princess Angeline Scholarship went to Maddy Welch, Aaron McKernan and ! Maddie is a tribal member, granddaughter of Cecile Hansen and daughter of Victoria Welch, Cecile's youngest daughter. Maddie is attending the University of Washington and planning to major in American Indian Studies. Aaron is the son of Tribal Councilwoman Desiree Fagan and is from the Garrison Family. Aaron is attending Central Washington University and planning to major in Construction Management.



Passing of Tribal Member Ann Margaret Cowan

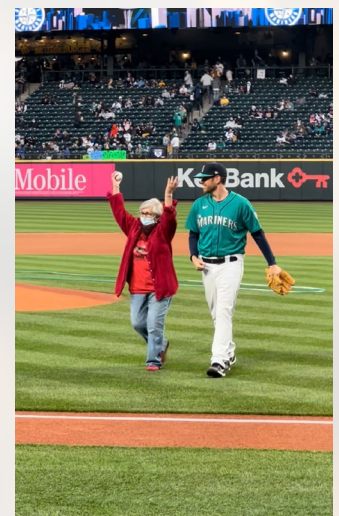
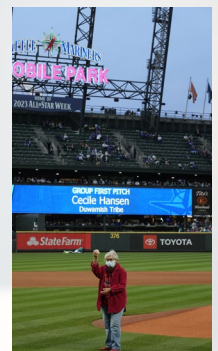
We want to remember that we lost a beloved Tribal Member on September 21 Cecile's daughter Ann Cowan passed away unexpectedly. Please hold Cecile's family and Ann's children and grandchildren in your prayers. We will see you again.



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Real Rent Appreciation Night— Mariners Game October 1st

On Friday October 2nd, DTS rented out 600 seats and gave away tickets to the Seattle Mariners game to supporters of Real Rent Duwamish. In addition, our Tribal Chair, Cecile Hansen, threw out the ceremonial first pitch and Real Rent was acknowledged on the JumboTron at T-Mobile Park. It was a "big hit" for all! Thank you to the Group Health Foundation for sponsoring this appreciation event.



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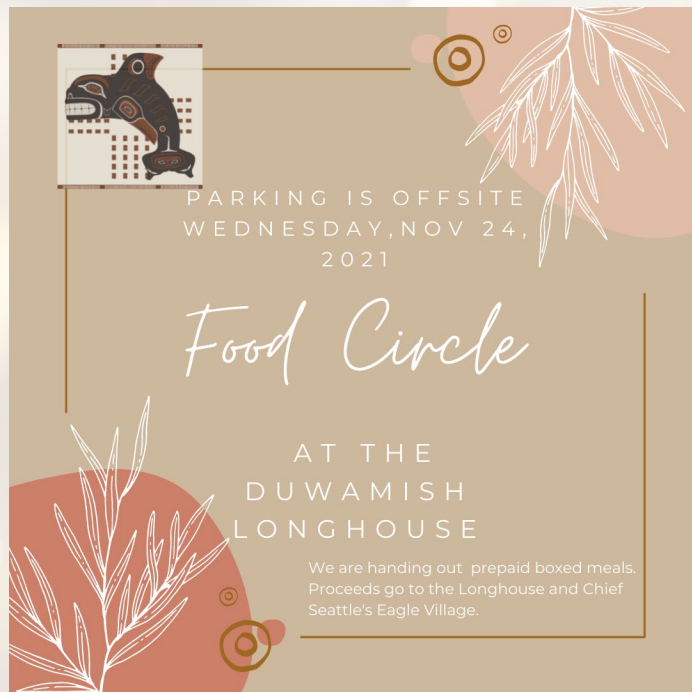
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Halloween 2021

Although we have been sad to have to postpone our very successfully attended in-person Halloween parties, on Saturday October 30th, we had our 2nd annual "drive through" drive through Trick or Treat event for the kiddos and handed out candy and toys. Fun was had by all!

KWADIID— "Giving Thanks"

The 2nd annual Kwadiid "Giving Thanks" Thanksgiving dinner box event founded, promoted and executed by Food Circle used the Longhouse kitchen to prepare Thanksgiving meals by Chef Patrick. The meals sold out within 48 hours of launch. Food Circle, founded by David Lee, donates the proceeds of these meals to the Duwamish Longhouse and meals provided to the Chief Seattle Club's Eagle Village, a modular housing project south of downtown Seattle. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the Longhouse along with volunteers handed out over 100 pre-bought Thanksgiving meals during a drive through event.



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Toys for Tots

Our last event of the year was a Toys for Tots drive for Tribal members and others on Saturday, December 18. We served over 31 families with a total of over 80 children in need. Cecile Hansen and DTS Board member John Cruce were on hand to help out and provide cookies for everyone. We hope to continue this tradition and serve many more in the years to come! Thank you to the Marines that loaded over 700 toys and the Toys for Tots organization that helps bring smiles to the hearts of the children of the community each year.



Cultural Classes— Ongoing

Cultural classes for our Tribal members have been taking place the last Sunday of every month at the Longhouse at 11 am to 2 pm (Indian Time). In 2022 we will be changing our gathering time to Saturdays. If you can make it once or every month, please come gather as we teach our youth important cultural teachings around respect for themselves, their language, and history. We have rotating and changing activities using songs, beading, Lushootseed language, drum making, and food. We are currently working on winter weaving, through the spring making shawls, skirts and tunics. Thank You to our cultural advisor Pamela Bond, Snohomish/Duwamish for her help. We hope to see you there!

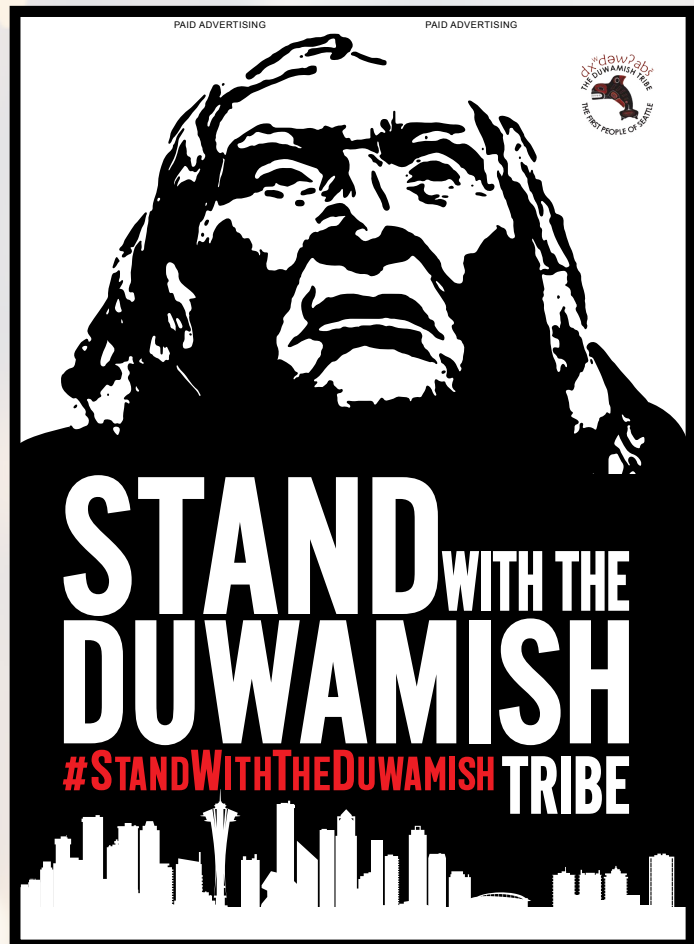


STAND WITH THE DUWAMISH!

Lastly, stand with your Tribe to become Federally recognized. If you haven't already written your legislator or signed the petition, now is the time. We have over 75,000 signatures on the petition through Change.Org.

Please spread the word and ask for people to please sign our petition. Our goal is to reach 100,000 signers by early 2022.

https://www.change.org/p/federal-recognition-for-the-duwamish-tribe?utm_content=cl_sharecopy_27187850_en-US%3A7&recruiter=1178950512&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition



Thank you!

We would like to recognize these volunteers for their commitment and support of the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center this year.

Tribal Members

Russell Beard

Volunteer Ridge to River project manager (unpaid), tribal volunteer environmental consultant, board member

Blake Shelfoe

Longhouse store, maintenance, Gala, Giving Thanks event, Toys for Tots, Sharing Songs

Generoso Tandiana

Longhouse store, maintenance, Gala, Toys for Tots event

Non-Tribal Members

CARW Volunteers

Thank you to our Coalition of Anti-Racist Whites (CARW) volunteers who selflessly show up to volunteer and further the mission of Duwamish Tribal Services.

DSG

John Romero

Cleaning, landscaping, construction, Native Art Market, veteran's program, Gala artist, Mural Restoration Project, Giving Thanks event.

Bill Villanzo

Regular Landscaping, construction, maintenance, Giving Thanks event, Toys for Tots

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

REAL RENT DUWAMISH

"We sacrificed our land to make the City of Seattle a beautiful reality. We are still waiting for our justice." - Cecile Hansen, Chairwoman of Duwamish Tribe

20,2019 Real Renters and counting!

Distributing Halloween baskets to trick-or-treaters! Thank you to the pods!



This land has a story.
What role will you play?

Real Rent calls on people who live and work in Seattle to make rent payments to the Duwamish Tribe. Though the city named for the Duwamish leader Chief Seattle thrives, the Tribe has yet to be justly compensated for their land, resources, and livelihood.

You can do something today to stand in solidarity with First Peoples of this land by paying Real Rent.

All funds go directly to Duwamish Tribal Services (DTS) to support the revival of Duwamish culture and the vitality of the Duwamish Tribe.

Join us today! Become a Real Renter.

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