Re-Envisioned Southeast Alaska Native Veterans Memorial Park

The Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska’s (Tlingit & Haida) Transportation department has been working closely with the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans to develop a re-envisioned memorial park by the Andrew Hope Building to Native Veterans.

Through a series of meetings, Veterans identified goals, themes and appropriate meaning and symbolism to be used in the new design. The meetings also explored desired space within the memorial to allow for large gatherings, special events, contemplation, and to understand the sacrifices made by those who served. The existing memorial has several components which are to be incorporated into the new memorial including a bentwood box totem, engraved stones and an Alaska Territorial Guard statue.

The shoreline of Gastineau Channel used to be located in the area of the memorial and was also the site of the Old Juneau Indian Village. Through the use of paving that mimics a beach, tidal grasses and native plant material, the design will reflect this area was the historic shoreline and is home to a traditional Village. The design includes a traditional canoe on the shore to welcome home Native Veterans.

The re-envisioned Southeast Alaska Native Veterans Memorial includes a large centralized paved courtyard that uses formline and colored concrete to allow large gatherings and is lined by the engraved stones and statue. The memorial is screened from the adjacent parking lot by traditional plant material.

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Tlingit & Haida’s Executive Council held their quarterly in person meeting June 8-9, 2017 in Juneau, Alaska. This meeting coincided with the 477 Division’s All Staff Meeting, where the Executive Council members were able to meet with staff and discuss service delivery for Tlingit and Haida clients.

Executive Council members and the administration conducted two days of strategic planning, in order to address and prioritize the various issues facing the tribe. A final strategic plan will be finalized during the next quarterly Executive Council meeting.

Federal issues including the proposed budget, Transboundary baseline water testing funding, Tribal Economic Development Act, healthcare, and land into trust were all discussed in great detail with the Executive Council. Washington DC advocacy meetings will be planned throughout the year for Executive Council members and President Richard Peterson to thoroughly represent Tlingit and Haida citizens and traditional homelands.

The Executive Council also authorized the creation of a Cultural Heritage Manager position to supervise the efforts of language and repatriation. In 2015, Tlingit and Haida’s Tribal Assembly reserved $250k of tribal money to be directed to language revitalization for the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian languages. By creating a department, the administration can better supervise and enhance the cultural resources available to the Tribe and the region. The money will also be used to develop a sustainable strategic plan for the language department to ensure the longevity of the Tribe’s efforts.

Tlingit & Haida’s Tribal Court will be hosting a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) training and Tribal Code workshop for Southeast Alaska tribes in Juneau, Alaska September 25-28, 2017. The VAWA training is designed to build community capacity for addressing domestic violence in Southeast Alaska’s communities and will focus on tribal court processes, holistic remedies, legal options and community engagement. The Tribal Code Workshop will provide practical knowledge and skills that Alaska tribes can use to engage in intergovernmental relations and agreements through developing tribal laws, codes, ordinances, court rules, and policies and procedures.

Travel and training scholarships are available for up to three representatives from each Southeast Alaska tribe.

To request travel, contact:
Office of the President
Toll: 800.344.1432 ext. 7379
Email: deptfob@cthita-nsn.gov

Left: Keenan Sanderson being sworn in (Oath of Office) as Emerging Leader on the Executive Council.

Right: Emerging Leader Keenan Sanderson with President Peterson.
Tlingit & Haida entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to collaborate on a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) survey to assess tribal use of traditional territories and their related concerns in the transboundary watershed. The MOU is effective April 1, 2017 until September 3, 2017 and funded by the ADEC in the amount of $20,000.

This project relates to an Alaska Clean Water Action Stewardship activity. With concerns over pollutants entering Alaskan waterways from upstream Canadian mining operations, the Native Lands & Resources (NLR) department will develop, implement, and summarize a TEK survey with questions and identify locations on maps. Historical and current day subsistence use information in transboundary waters will be gathered in addition to concerns or questions from tribal citizens regarding mining impacts in transboundary waters.

The goal of the survey is to help the State of Alaska gather community concerns in transboundary areas. This is an initial attempt at gaining understanding and ADEC will engage with communities further. The information gathered will help guide future discussions and identify priorities. NLR will conduct as many surveys as possible by reaching out to tribal citizens through newsletters and contacting other Southeast Alaska tribes.

On May 31, 2017, Tlingit & Haida hosted an open house in Juneau to provide information to the general public on the status of the Tribe’s land into trust applications. Currently, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is reviewing the Tribe’s applications to put eight lots into federal trust status (other applications are still pending).

Over 50 people attended the open house including members of the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Assembly. During the open house, Tlingit & Haida’s General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy identified all lots in the old Juneau Indian Village owned by Tlingit & Haida and those lots currently being reviewed by the BIA for federal trust status. She also discussed the advantages of putting land into trust and a draft intergovernmental agreement with the CBJ.

The BIA extended the public comment period on Tlingit & Haida’s land into trust applications at the request of the CBJ which voted (5/4) on June 5th in favor of Tlingit & Haida’s land into trust applications and will issue a statement of support to BIA.

Tlingit & Haida would like to thank the members of the CBJ Assembly for their support (Ken Koelsch, Beth Weldon, Norton Gregory, Maria Gladizewski, and Jessie Kiehl).
President Richard Peterson was honored to provide a welcome at the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans’ Memorial Day ceremony and luncheon on Monday, May 29th.

To view more photos from this event, visit: www.flickr.com/ccthita.

Gunalchéesh, Háw’aa to our Southeast Alaska Native Veterans for hosting this important event and for their honorable service to our country!
Transboundary Stakeholders Meeting
Submitted By: Native Lands & Resources

On May 25, 2017, the State of Alaska hosted a workshop in Juneau, Alaska to provide an update on the Statement of Cooperation (SOC) on Protection of Transboundary Waters between the State of Alaska and British Columbia (BC). The SOC was signed in October 2016 to address transboundary mining and water quality concerns in Southeast Alaska by developing a joint water quality monitoring program, sharing information and enhancing communication.

Approximately 36 participants attended the workshop who represented various stakeholders including Southeast Alaska tribes, commercial fisheries and environmental non-profit organizations. President Richard Peterson provided a welcome followed by opening remarks from Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott which covered the State of Alaska’s progress on the SOC and expected meeting with Senator Dan Sullivan and Canadian Ministry officials this summer. He also noted that British Columbia had recently held their elections which put the SOC process in BC on hold.

During the workshop, attendees reviewed the proposed communication plan to inform the public on transboundary related activities and an interactive map that showcases current and proposed mine projects and locations of current environmental studies. A draft proposal for the State’s environmental monitoring for the next two years was also discussed along with how Alaska and British Columbia will be engaged in project reviews.

Documents relating to the SOC can be found on the State of Alaska Lt. Governor’s website: ltgov.alaska.gov/services/transboundary-relations/.

Tlingit & Haida has taken the lead on collecting current baseline water quality data on transboundary rivers. All data collected will be shared with regulatory agencies in both Alaska and BC and made available to the public.

Tlingit & Haida Head Start
Now Enrolling
Submitted By: Head Start

Tlingit & Haida Head Start is now enrolling preschoolers for the 2017-2018 school year. All children ages 3-5 years old, or turning 3 years old by September 1, 2017, are eligible to apply.

Head Start is a free pre-school program that provides learning experiences for children and their families four days a week. All low-income households are eligible.

Application Requirements:

- Income Verification
- Current Immunizations
- Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Results
- Physical & Dental Exams

For an application or more information, contact:

Tlingit & Haida Head Start
In Juneau: 907.463.7127
Toll Free: 800.344.1432
Direct: 907.463.7127
Fax: 877.389.7796

Supporting children, families and communities.
Alumni Scholarships

Mark your calendars! The Higher Education program is now accepting Alumni Scholarship applications. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2017.

The Alumni Scholarship provides annual scholarship awards to tribally-enrolled citizens regardless of service area, community affiliation, origination, residence, tribal compact or signatory status. Award amounts are based on how much funding is raised annually through memorial donations, private donations, vendor/associate solicitations, and fundraising activities.

The Higher Education program promotes and fosters higher education by providing financial aid, guidance, academic planning, counseling, and assistance to eligible tribal citizens who attend an accredited college or university.

The Alumni Scholarship application is available at www.ccthita-nsn.gov/services/overview/forms.

For more information, contact the Higher Education program toll free at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7329 or cvazquez@ccthita-nsn.gov.

Alaska Regional Coalition Representatives Provide Testimony in Support of Income Tax Proposal

On May 2, 2017, Tlingit & Haida’s Government Affairs Liaison Grace Singh and Tanana Chiefs Conference’s General Counsel Natasha Singh provided testimony to the Alaska State Legislature’s House Finance Committee on behalf of the Alaska Regional Coalition (ARC) to support a complete fiscal plan to address Alaska’s $3.5 billion dollar budget gap. The ARC is made up of Tlingit & Haida and four regional non-profits – Chugachmiut, Kawerak Inc., Maniilaq Association and Tanana Chiefs Conference. Together, the ARC brings in approximately $250 billion in federal funding to provide essential services to 100 tribal communities throughout the State and has advocated for a complete fiscal plan including an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) restructure, the elimination of oil tax subsidies and a progressive broad-based tax solution.

The restructure of the PFD is necessary to preserve the fund for future generations if it is used to address the majority of the State’s budget deficit. However, the PFD restructure and further budget cuts to essential program services disproportionately impact low-income and rural residents and doesn’t fully address the budget shortfall. While the legislature is willing to take these regressive measures to balance the budget, they also pay large oil companies millions of dollars of subsidies a year.

As the PFD restructure and budget cuts are both regressive policies that disproportionately burden low-income and rural residents, the ARC advocates for a progressive income tax policy over a regressive sales tax. Recent analysis has shown that a regressive sales tax would take a far greater percentage of household income from low-income families (about 7.2 percent) versus the top incomes in Alaska (about 0.4 percent).

“More than anything, Tlingit & Haida opposes any State of Alaska deficit solution that would disproportionately impact the most vulnerable of Alaska’s citizens and burden rural Alaska residents and communities,” said President Richard Peterson. “The Executive Council passed a resolution (EC 17-10) earlier this year that speaks directly to this.”

This year, the Alaska State Legislature has failed to pass any budget solution including the elimination of oil subsidies, broad based tax or a PFD restructure.

“I would like to ask you to consider what’s at stake here if the State cuts funds to these programs or selects a fiscal plan that relies on multiple years of continued cuts without a complete plan in place to preserve these essential services,” said Grace Singh during her testimony.
Tlingit & Haida Stands with Tribal Nations to Support Paris Climate Change Accord

As stewards of the land, air and sea, Tlingit & Haida’s Executive Council issued a call to action to support the Paris Climate Change Accord. As indigenous peoples, we have a responsibility to protect traditional homelands which are inherently connected to our cultural languages and identities.

“Alaska tribal governments are living with the early but significant effects of climate change,” said President Richard Peterson. “Our traditional knowledge learned over millennia within our aboriginal lands leaves us with no doubt that immediate action to reduce the impacts of climate change is our duty as sovereign indigenous governments. As such, we will seek to participate in the Paris Agreement.”

Alaska has 229 federally recognized tribes with invaluable Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), which provides for historical measurements of ongoing climate change since time immemorial. TEK reinforces already acknowledged scientific data that the rest of the World has recognized and is taking action with the Paris Accord, with the exemption of Syria and Nicaragua.

“Native Alaskan communities already live with the effects of climate change, and will bear the worst if adequate measures are not taken by governments,” said Second Vice President Will Micklin. “Tlingit & Haida continues its work to place indigenous governments and their traditional knowledge at the table with world governments.”

Tlingit & Haida stands in solidarity with Tribal Nations, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), and remains committed to representing and advancing Indigenous peoples’ interests in the United States and abroad.

To view Tlingit & Haida’s joint release with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Quinault Indian Nation and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, visit: http://bit.ly/2sFhCrf.

VPSO Program Welcomes Bryan Shoemate

The Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program welcomes Bryan Shoemate as their new Angoon VPSO. Bryan graduated from the 16-week VPSO training course through the Alaska Law Enforcement Training program in Sitka, Alaska on June 9, 2017.

Bryan will serve as a first responder to public safety emergencies in Angoon such as search and rescue, fire protection, emergency medical assistance, crime prevention and basic law enforcement.

Congratulations and welcome aboard Bryan!

Public Safety Manager Jason Wilson and VPSO Bryan Shoemate

Barista Training

Please help us welcome Marie Sarabia who is Tlingit & Haida’s new barista instructor at the Vocational Training & Resource Center (VTRC)! The five-day Barista Training program is available via distance education or onsite. Register now to learn the art of a barista!

For more info, call 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7375 or email vtrc@ccthita-nsn.gov.

Marie Sarabia
“Looking to Our Past, Living for Our Future” was the theme of the 82nd Annual Tribal Assembly held April 19-21, 2017 in the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall. Ninety-nine of 107 Delegates joined Tribal Host Lowell Halverson of Washington and Tribal Hostess Ethel Lund of Juneau for this year’s Constitutional Convention.

Tribal Assembly opened with the Posting of the Colors and a Grand Entrance led by the Has Du Eeteex’ X’aakeidix Haa Sitee dance group. Special welcomes were given by Governor Bill Walker, Lt. Governor Byron Mallott, City and Borough of Juneau Mayor Ken Koelsch, Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council President Janice Hotch and Alaska Native Brotherhood/Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp Presidents Sasha Soboleff and Cecilia Tavoliero.

“The effort that President Peterson has embarked upon to bring tribes together across the state to represent their interest is critical to our future,” said Lt. Governor Mallott.

President Peterson’s State of the Tribe Address emphasized the business and economic development endeavors of the Tribe, efforts to expand Tribal Court and new opportunities to compact directly with the State of Alaska and City and Borough of Juneau. Reports from Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation CEO Richard Rinehart and KIRA President Carlos Garcia underscored the great steps taken to reduce the Tribe’s reliance on federal and state funding through strategic business acquisitions and government contracting. A keynote from Lance Morgan, President of Ho-Chunk Tribal Business Corporation, promoted and paved a vision for a thriving future for Tlingit & Haida by sharing the success story of Ho-Chunk nation which has become one of the more prosperous tribes in the U.S.

“The important take away from this year’s Assembly is that there are so many great things happening within the Tribe and among our youth and people,” said President Peterson. “We are seeing the Tribe’s efforts in economic development and increasing our self-governance because we want to ensure a bright future for our children and generations to come.”

Reports were also heard on Washington DC; NCAI; Transboundary Mining, US Census, RurAL CAP, SEARHC; and from Tlingit & Haida’s Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Tribal Court, Emerging Leader and standing committees (Audit, Judiciary and Enrollment).

For the first time, Delegates were addressed by British Columbia (BC) Assembly of First Nations (AFN). Regional Chief Maureen Chapman reaffirmed that Tlingit & Haida has a partner in BC AFN. President Peterson reached out to BC AFN last year with an appeal for partnership regarding the great potential for impact especially on the issue of transboundary mining.

“We are here to formally commit to further engagement and partnership regarding the areas where cooperation will only strengthen our mutual nationhood,” said Regional Chief Chapman. “When we discuss transboundary issues we acknowledge what we share - the future is ours, the past is ours and the borders that separate us, which were imposed on us, do not preclude us from cooperation and partnership as we move forward in preparing our people for a prosperous future.”

A moving speech from outgoing Emerging Leader Miciana Hutcherson reflected on her experiences and opportunities serving as the emerging leader and all the great work tribal leaders are accomplishing in our communities.

“From our children in foster care to our youth on the
Looking to Our Past, Living for Our Future

Youth and education were firmly on the agenda as President Peterson and Delegates focused on the importance of our children. "We have young carvers, artists, actors, writers, activists, politicians, scientists, hunters, fishermen, carpenters, police officers, historians, vloggers – our children are infinite. If our future doesn't measure up to their infinite possibilities then we only have ourselves to blame."

Tribal Assembly elections seated Aurora Lehr to another two-year term as Tribal Court Judge, Keenan Sanderson of Ketchikan as the 2017-2018 Emerging Leader, and James Price of Washington as Delegate/Citizen of the Year.

A total of 22 resolutions were brought forth by Delegates and Tlingit & Haida community councils. Once adopted, they are the policy of the Tribe for the next two years. A full listing of resolutions is available on Tlingit & Haida's website.

Prior to adjourning, Delegates reviewed proposed amendments to the Constitution. Due to limited time, only a portion of the proposed amendments to the Constitution were heard and acted on, the remainder were deferred to the 83rd Annual Tribal Assembly along with amendments to the Tribe’s other governing documents. A special committee will be formed to review the proposed amendments and report at the next Tribal Assembly.

Other highlights included Tribal Hostess Ethel Lund gifting President Peterson with a framed photo of herself with a little boy as she shared a heartwarming story of how she first met him in Kasaan over 30 years ago, the announcement of San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council as the Small Community Council of the Year, a powerful exit dance performance by Woosh.ji.een, and a Welcome Banquet honoring Sam Thomas Jr.

Honoring Edward K. (Sam) Thomas Jr.

Tlingit & Haida lost a very strong advocate on June 11th with the sudden passing of 6th Vice President Edward K. (Sam) Thomas Jr. who walked into the forest while king salmon fishing at Tranquil Point near Craig, Alaska.

Flags were lowered at Tlingit & Haida’s headquarters for the week of June 12th to honor Sam. The Executive Council also decided to leave the 6th Vice President seat open for the remainder of the term (April 2018) in honor Sam.

In addition to serving as the Tribe’s 6th Vice President, Sam was a Craig Delegate, the Transportation Director for Craig Tribal Association, and one of two representatives from Alaska on the National Tribal/Interior Budget Council (TIBC) where he served for nearly a decade and was currently serving as co-chair. He also served on the U.S. Subsistence Board and Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee. He represented Alaska for years on the National IRR Advisory Council, and was very active in the early years of the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council.
Nearly 400 people turned out for the 33rd Annual Only Fools Run At Midnight event in Juneau, Alaska on the evening of June 24th. This year’s 5k run and 1 mile walk event was hosted by Tlingit & Haida to promote family activity and wellness while also raising funds for the Tribe’s Alumni Scholarship program. Approximately $10,000 was raised for the scholarship program which lost its main source of funding (the Annual Spring King Salmon Derby) following the emergency king salmon closure issued by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Tlingit & Haida would like to thank the following Juneau businesses, organizations, and individuals for their generous donations to the 33rd Annual Only Fools Run At Midnight event:

- Alaska Seaplanes
- Foodland IGA
- Alaskan Outdoor Wearhouse & Embroidery
- Fred Meyer
- Alaskan Brewing Company
- The Alaska Club/JRC
- Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority
- Sealaska
- Randy's Rib Shack
- Sandpiper Café
- The Alaska Club
- (NAO) Nugget Alaskan Outfitter
- Adventure Bound Alaska
- Taku Fisheries
- Changing Tides
- Olsen Consulting, Inc.
- Sacred Grounds
- Alaska Native Sisterhood
- Glacier Valley Camp 70
- Ed and Cathy Thomas

We would also like to thank Tlingit & Haida employees and all those who volunteered, and members of the community that registered, dressed up and made the event fun. A special thank you goes out to KTOO for the technical assistance and event gear and the Juneau Trail and Road Runners for their technical assistance, course signage and race paraphernalia. Most notably a big thank you to Tristan Knutson-Lombardo who provided extensive technical assistance, guidance and support. Best wishes to KTOO in hosting next year’s Only Fools Run At Midnight event!
Mark Your Calendars

July Events
1: Alumni Scholarship Application Period Opens
4: Independence Day (Offices Closed)
6-10: National Unity Conference – Denver, CO
9: Huna Heritage Culture Camp – Juneau, AK
10-21: Juneau T&H Community Council Culture Camp – Juneau, AK
17-29: Goldbelt Heritage Foundation Elementary Culture Camp – Juneau, AK
29: Back to School Backpack Fair – Juneau, AK

August Events
1-11/7: Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships® (14 week program) – Juneau, AK
10-11: Executive Council Meeting – Juneau, AK
21: Head Start Staff Preservice – Juneau, AK
TBD: Back to School Backpack Events – Southeast AK Communities

September Events
5: First Day of school for T&H Head Start Students – SE Alaska
5-8: Southeast Environmental Conference – Wrangell, AK
16-17: T&H Washington Chapter’s 9th Biennial Southeast Alaska Native Culture Fair (South Seattle College) – Seattle, WA
19-21: Southeast Conference – Haines, AK

Congratulations to Cheryl Jack of Angoon who recently graduated from the Penn Foster High School.

She shared: “My goal is to get a permanent job as a teacher aide or in an office, and to help my children with their homework. I want to show them it is important to stay in school and keep working hard. Everyday is a learning experience with kids! I’m very happy to have earned this diploma. My kids are very happy for me and have expressed it. My main goal was to get my diploma, but now my main goal is accomplished, I love my life.

For more information on the Penn Foster Virtual High School program, contact the Vocational Training & Resource Center at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7375.

For more information, visit:
www.facebook.com/events/1878725505677223
Thank You Alaska Lawmakers for Standing Up for Alaska Native Women

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The intent is to start construction in the spring of 2018. Based on funding, the project may need to be a phased construction project.

For more information or to learn how you can make a donation to the project, contact the Tribal Transportation department at 907.463.7763 or transportation@ccthita-nsn.gov.

Enrollment Committee

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NMAI Board of Trustees Visits Tlingit & Haida

The Smithsonian’s National Museum of American Indians (NMAI) Board of Trustees, along with NMAI Director Ken Gover, visited Tlingit & Haida on June 13, 2017. The meeting served as an opportunity for the board to learn about Tlingit & Haida’s governing structure and what it means to be a non-reservation tribe. The museum is governed by a 25-member board of trustees which meets three times a year. The chair of the board is Andrew J. Lee (Seneca) and 18 of the current members are Native American.

The Native Lands & Resources (NLR) department received $110,000 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to conduct a Forest Inventory Analysis and develop a Forest Management Plan for Southeast Alaska Native allotments. Field work for the project has already started in Haines, Alaska and will include all Native allotments in the Southeast Alaska (Sealaska) region.

Forest inventory and analysis is the process of gathering information on the quantity and quality of forest resources, such as what tree species are present and the condition of their health. Conducting an inventory will help determine how the forest resources could be utilized such as the potential for timber sales or tree thinning to improve the health of existing trees.

The forest inventory information will be used to create a forest management plan as required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This management plan will give Tlingit & Haida the ability to provide forestry services to allotment owners and assure they are receiving the highest and best benefit from his or her land.

Tlingit & Haida contracted Sanders Consulting Forestry to conduct the forest inventory and analysis field work. We would like to inform Southeast Alaska Native Allotment owners that Mr. Sanders and his crew may be briefly visiting your property this summer.

For more information, contact NLR Manager Desiree Duncan at 907.463.7183 or dduncan@ccthita-nsn.gov.
Preserving our sovereignty, enhancing our economic and cultural resources, and promoting self-sufficiency and self-governance for our citizens through collaboration, service, and advocacy.

SAVE THE DATE
Sacred Grounds Grand Opening

Please join Tlingit & Haida for the grand opening of its new Sacred Grounds Coffee Shop on Friday, July 21st. Mark your calendars and plan to stop by the Andrew Hope Building for complimentary hors d’oeuvres, coffee and lots of giveaways!

Sacred Grounds offers a warm, casual atmosphere with a blend of tribal tones and an industrial vibe created by high ceilings and exposed duct work. Be one of the first 50 customers in the door and you’ll receive a gift bag full of coffee goodies!

What: Grand Opening of Sacred Grounds Coffee Shop
When: July 21, 2017 • 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Where: Sacred Grounds Coffee Shop
320 W. Willoughby Avenue • Juneau AK 99801

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/SacredGroundsAK or call 907.463.7770.