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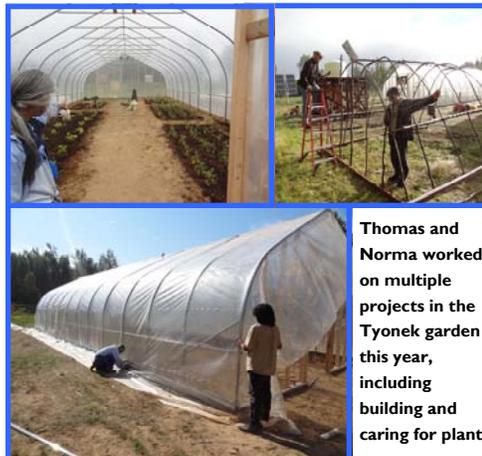
Tyonek Community Garden Updates

After a great stretch of summer weather this year, it's harvest time in the Tyonek garden. With the addition of high-tunnels, solar power, a composting system and water pumps, things are really looking great at the Tyonek garden site.

Tyonek Garden Managers Norma Chickalusion and Thomas Goozmer worked hard to make the garden productive and to keep all of the infrastructure and crops looking great. Thomas and Norma have been responsible for all of the daily work in the garden and keep the crops watered and the irrigation and solar power systems running. Thomas says that the best part of working in the garden was "building and learning about the alternative-energy systems" and that it was challenging to "assemble and fine tune the ventilation systems for the high tunnels". Norma also gained much experience, attending garden training courses and learning how to keep all of the plants growing free of pests and weeds.

This year Thomas and Norma, with the help of community volunteers, expect to harvest a substantial amount of potatoes, tomatoes, small Squashes and Pumpkins as well as Green Beans and Lettuces.

Special thanks go out to everyone who contributed to the garden this year. The community garden has helped to bring many people together through healthy garden activities that provide locally grown food for community members.



Thomas and Norma worked on multiple projects in the Tyonek garden this year, including building and caring for plants.

Spay/Neuter Clinic in Tyonek

This August, TTCD staff coordinated with the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (INCA), the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Alaska Rural Veterinary Outreach (ARVO) and the Native Village of Tyonek (NVT) to bring a spay/neuter clinic to Tyonek. The

event was cost-free for pet owners, and took place on Sept 6-9. During this time NVT staff worked with vet Jean Olsen to conduct 22 spay/neuter operations, and provide 24 pets with shots.

TTCD would like to thank all the partners involved for

making this event a success!



Two dogs recover after surgery at the Native Village of Tyonek tribal center.

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Spotlight on Board Members

The TTCD has grown quickly in the past few years due to strong board leadership and board vision. In this newsletter we would like to recognize two TTCD board members who completed their terms in 2013, and who helped make TTCD what it is today.

The TTCD board of directors is made up of five members. Two board members are appointed by the Native Village of Tyonek, two are appointed by the Tyonek Native Corporation, and one member is chosen by the other four. In 2013, Elizabeth J Standifer (TNC rep.) and Patrick Chuitt, Jr (NVT rep.) completed their terms of service to the TTCD board. Both individuals have played an integral role in shaping TTCD.

Elizabeth J Standifer served on the TTCD Board from August 2011—August 2013, and served one year as the board chair. Elizabeth saw TTCD as “being successful and a great role model for other conservation districts around Alaska.”

Patrick Chuitt, Jr served on the TTCD Board from October 2011—October 2013, and served one year as the board chair. Pat enjoyed his time with TTCD and said that he “has learned a lot serving on the TTCD board from the current board and staff.”

TTCD would also like to welcome two new board members, Charlene Stephan (TNC rep.) and Robert Stephan (NVT rep.). The TTCD board sets our goals and direction, and we welcome their fresh perspectives.



Patrick Chuitt Jr representing TTCD at a local event (left) and Elizabeth J Standifer helping at a community garden work day with TTCD (right).

Do you have an idea for a conservation project in West Cook Inlet? TTCD is interested in working with any and all District residents and stakeholders to help you achieve your conservation goals. Please contact us at 907-646-3109, or email us at ccincotta@tyonek.com.