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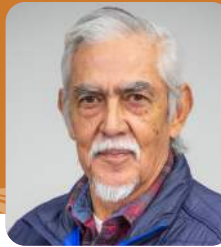
*"Do you want to  
go outside?"*

*Ounalashka Corporation  
Mission Statement*

**To continue as  
a prosperous  
Corporation  
through excellence  
in management  
and business  
development,  
to benefit  
Shareholders,  
thereby,  
strengthening  
Unangan culture,  
education and  
to be a premier  
Corporation.**

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Celebrating Margaret Lekanoff's  
Last Three Decades*



## Message from the Chairman

Aang! Aang! Ounalashka Shareholders and descendants,

It has been a busy few months for the Board and I look forward to providing a brief report of OC's activities this past quarter. However, before reviewing the Corporation's highlights, I must announce news that neither the Board nor I take lightly. In April, OC's Secretary/Treasurer, Margaret Lekanoff made the decision to retire from the OC Board of Directors. You will see an article in this newsletter highlighting Margaret's career on the OC Board; I encourage you to read this to learn about Margaret's accomplishments and contributions along the way.

The Board's Spring Planning Session is the time the Board reviews OC's Bylaws, Board and Corporate Policies, and the Employee Manual. Also in the Planning Session, the Board met with R&M Consulting to continue work on the creation of a robust Land Plan for OC's land. One of OC's priority projects is to develop our Land Plan. We have set March 2025 as the date to have the Land Plan finalized.

We recognize that the environmental cleanup of our land is a key component in developing a lasting Land Plan. We are extremely happy to report that, through one of the first three awarded EPA ANCSA Contaminated Lands Grants, OCE completed a cleanup project of PCB contaminated soils adjacent to Warehouse Building No. 551. OC is so thankful for the new EPA ANCSA Contaminated Lands Grant program. OC will build on this

momentum by applying for several additional cleanup sites under this specific EPA grant.

Of course, challenges present themselves every quarter. The Makushin Geothermal Project, which intends to bring geothermal to Unalaska, is currently on hold. The City and OC are examining the future development of the project. As updates come, the Board will transparently communicate these to ensure awareness among all members of the community.

Looking forward, the OC Team continues to gear up for the 51st Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be held on July 13, 2024. You should have received your Annual Report and Proxy packet by now. Within, there are three (3) seats open each year on the Board. As you will see, two (2) incumbents are not running this year – Margaret Lekanoff and Janice Krukoff. This makes for a great opportunity for new Shareholders to serve on the OC Board. Your Board and staff look forward to seeing new faces and developing new ideas after the Annual Meeting.

In closing, and as I get ready to head out for some subsistence hunting and fishing, I would like to remind you all to vote your proxy by mail, email, online or in person. Thank you for your continued involvement and I look forward to seeing you all during the Annual Meeting!

Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Ounalashka Corporation cordially invites  
you and one guest only to our

# ANNUAL BANQUET

**SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024**

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m.*

*Dinner at 6 p.m.*

**UNALASKA CITY HIGH SCHOOL**

*55 E Broadway Avenue, Unalaska, Alaska*

## QUESTIONS?

*Call 907-359-6225 or 907-581-1276  
or email [cbramble@ounalashka.com](mailto:cbramble@ounalashka.com)*

## Vote your Proxy!

Votes will be cast at the Annual Meeting to fill three (3) vacancies on the Corporation's Board of Directors. By timely filing your proxy, you will direct the proxy holder to cast your votes for the candidate or candidates you choose.

The three (3) candidates who receive the most votes will be elected as directors of the Corporation to serve until 2027.

### Filing your Proxy

There are three (3) ways to file your proxy: (1) online, (2) with the Election Official or (3) with the Corporation.

### Online:

At <http://www.ounalashkavote.com> by **Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 12pm ADT.**

### By email:

To [ncalc@ounalashka.com](mailto:ncalc@ounalashka.com).

com or [dvanflein@ounalashka.com](mailto:dvanflein@ounalashka.com) by **Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 5:00pm ADT.**

### By mail or

### hand-delivery to:

Election Official, Natalie Cale, OC General Counsel by **Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 5:00pm ADT.**

Mailing Address: 745 W 4th Avenue, Suite 500, Anchorage, AK 99501 or

Ounalashka Corporation, must be received by **Friday, July 12, 2024 at 5:00pm ADT.** Mailing Address: PO Box 149, Unalaska, AK 99685 or by hand delivery: 400 Salmon Way, Unalaska, AK 99685.

Proxies submitted or received after the applicable deadline will not be voted at the Annual Meeting.

## Unsettled Estates

OC is diligently reaching out to heirs to help settle estates. Please look at the list that is not in progress, if you know any of the relatives of the deceased, please provide the information to OC at [Shareholderinfo@ounalashka.com](mailto:Shareholderinfo@ounalashka.com) or 907 581-1276.

### IN PROGRESS:

ALAN ALEXEI BLAND  
AUDRA PAULINE MELLO  
ALEXEY FRED STEPETIN

### UNSETTLED: NEED INFORMATION

HARRY JAY ANDERSON  
LEON FREDERICK ANDERSON  
ARIELLE A AUBURN  
WILLIAM EMIL BERIKOFF JR  
LOUISE AMY BRADLEY  
DEANNA LYNN COLBERT  
GAIL SWENNES COLLINS  
JOHANNES M DEBAKKER  
JALUA ANN EDISON  
DEBRA ANN FINE-MOORE  
MICHAEL P FOX  
RICHARD GARY GALAKTIANOFF  
JOHN GALAKTIONOFF

DAWN HUTCHINSON  
JOANNE JEPPESEN  
JOHANNA JOSEPH  
JIMMIE DOUGLAS MCCONNELL  
CHRISTOPHER I MELOVIDOV  
ANASTASIA MERCULIEFF  
FRED W MULKEIT  
CHARLES ALFRED NUNN SR  
RITA PEREZ  
CHARLES PETERSON  
PAUL ALLEN REEDY  
VASSA ALEXIS ROBERTSON  
ERNEST WILLIAM SHAISHNIKOFF  
MATRONA MAY SHAISHNIKOFF  
ALEX SIFSOF

ARNOLD SIFSOF  
LAWRENCE D SIFSOF  
BERT JAMES STUTSMAN JR  
BERT JAMES STUTSMAN SR  
MARIE LOUISE TICKETT  
MURIEL JEANNETTE TUMBLOO  
EMIL VINBERG

**If you believe you are an heir/beneficiary or know an individual who is, please contact the Shareholder Affairs Department immediately. Email [Shareholderinfo@ounalashka.com](mailto:Shareholderinfo@ounalashka.com) or call (907) 581-1276.**

**Attention, Ounalashka Corporation Shareholders & Descendants: Ounalashka Corporation has over \$90,000 in unclaimed estates (deceased Shareholders) and uncashed dividends.**



### Missing Shareholder Information

The following Shareholders  
have mail returned to the  
OC office:

ROBERT KENNETH DALEY  
MICHAEL EDWARD SWETZOF  
GEORGE WILLIAM COTTRELL  
VICTORIA LYNN DAVIS  
KELLI DENISE WIGGINS  
LEE JAMES LINDSLEY  
CHASE TAYLOR OLEYER  
NICHOLE HELENA GORDON  
CHRISTINA DIANE GORDON  
AMAZIAH MICHEAL  
YATCHMENOFF  
DANIEL JOSEPH MILLS  
PATRICIA LEA LEKANOFF  
DARRYL DUANE ALLEMAN  
JORDON JOSEPH KAHIKINA  
SAMUEL OWEN SVARNY  
JASON AUGUSTUS SVARNY  
SIENNA MARIE SVARNY  
ADAM GABRIEL SHAPSNIKOFF SR  
ZAMARAH LELANI WILLIAMSON

If you see a relative or  
friend on this list, please  
have them contact us at  
[Shareholderinfo@  
ounalashka.com](mailto:Shareholderinfo@ounalashka.com) or  
(907) 581-1276

**Qaḡaasakung!**

### OUNALASHKA CORPORATION

## Board

**Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.**  
Chairman

**Brian D. Rankin**  
Vice Chairman

**Margaret A. Lekanoff**  
Retired

**Wendy A. Svarny-Hawthorne**  
Secretary & Treasurer

**Janice L. Krukoff**

**Nicholai E. Lekanoff**

**Dennis M. Robinson**

**Shayla R. Shaishnikoff**

**Michael R. Tutiakoff**



## Capital Budget Project Updates: Our community-driven initiatives in Unalaska

BY TOM WRAY, OC OPERATIONS MANAGER

As we stride into the heart of the year, we are thrilled to provide you with an update on our ongoing projects. Our teams have been hard at work with our focus on community driven initiatives and we are excited to share our latest developments with you!

We are pleased to announce the successful completion of the Biorka Siding Capital Project. This project represents a major investment in the infrastructure at the Biorka

Apartments, ensuring improved efficiency and reliability for years to come. The dedication and hard work of our team has truly paid off, and we could not be more proud of this accomplishment.

In addition, we are excited to share that we have acquired two new security vehicles. These vehicles will enhance our security measures and further ensure the safety of our lands and facilities. With these new additions to our fleet, we are better equipped

to meet the evolving needs of our organization and continue providing a secure environment for all.

Upcoming projects like the Ulatka Drive Swing Gate Upgrade and the Unalaska Main Office Security/ Surveillance System

highlight the importance of

enhanced security measures. By investing in these upgrades, we are not only ensuring the safety and protection of our assets but

also demonstrating our commitment to staying ahead of potential security issues. By prioritizing facility enhancements and embracing a proactive mindset, we can better protect our organization and provide quality-driven facilities for our tenants.

It is with great pride and gratitude that we celebrate the collaborative efforts demonstrated during our recent fire code compliance inspection. Our team, collaborating alongside local

authorities, and our tenants are working seamlessly to ensure that all necessary measures are in place to protect and safeguard our community.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all stakeholders involved in these projects, from the planning stages to the final implementation. Your commitment and dedication have been instrumental in the successful completion of these initiatives.

Stay tuned for more updates and exciting developments as we continue to grow and improve.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our organization as we work towards progress, overcome challenges, and celebrate the triumphs that shape and influence our journey towards a brighter future for Unalaska.

Best regards,

*Tom Wray*

**Tom Wray**  
Ounalashka Corporation  
Operations Manager

**"As we move forward with these proactive initiatives, it is exciting to see momentum build as we grow."**

**- Tom Wray**

# A Farewell to Service

## Celebrating Margaret Lekanoff's Last Three Decades

While she may not have spent her youth in Unalaska, Margaret Lekanoff is a figure many of us have grown up with. Arriving in Unalaska in the 1960s at age 15, Margaret has seen Unalaska grow and evolve into the community it is today. She worked in the canneries and bartended, was present through the culinary gold rush, weathered Unalaska through the aftermath of the King Crab boom and supported our local students by working in the school district for over 20 years.

Having lived, worked, and raised her children in Unalaska, Margaret has created a strong network and made a long-lasting impact, community wide.

After being asked to run for Ounalashka Corporation's Board of Directors in 1980, Margaret began her service. Mainly holding office as our Secretary and Treasurer, Margaret is proud to say she is the only director to have never lost an election! Margaret has helped guide OC through

significant growth, challenge, and change. We are forever grateful to her.

As one of Ounalashka Corporation's original Shareholders, Margaret has been an active participant from the beginning and helped shape OC into all that it is today. "Continuity brings expertise," she says. "It's important to attend every meeting, to be involved."

For Margaret, her expertise stems from decades of collaboration with mentors. Her experience on the Board taught her when to look to others for guidance and to have confidence in the contributions of her fellow leaders. When she was first elected, Margaret counted on AB Rankin as her mentor. "She taught me how to be a Board member," Margaret says. "She explained to me that my

number-one job is to always represent Shareholders."

For Margaret, her focus has always been about giving back to our Shareholders and understanding the impact OC has on our community. She remembers when OC could not give dividends to its Shareholders and the feeling she had as a Board Member when voting to distribute the first dividend.

One of the accomplishments

she is most proud of is the creation of the Ounalashka Settlement Trust in 2017. The Settlement Trust ensures that Shareholders do not pay taxes on their dividend, enables Ounalashka Corporation to give back to the local community and now supports the Edna P. McCurdy Foundation, which has been a shining moment

in her Board service. Not only did she foster the creation of the Foundation in 1995, but she also sat as a Trustee for many years and has seen its immense benefit to our youth, Shareholders and the future of the Corporation.

Each Shareholder can receive up to \$100,000 in scholarship funds to further their education. Last year alone, through the Ounalashka Settlement Trust, OC was able to give back over \$500,000 to the Edna P. McCurdy Foundation and other local nonprofits.

We can thank Margaret's 35 years of service and expertise, for always keeping our Shareholders top of mind, supporting the community that shaped her, and guiding the next generation. The Board misses Margaret already, but wishes her only the best in this new, exciting chapter.



**"My number-one job is to always represent Shareholders."**

### Recipient Spotlight: Julieanne Berikoff

## Edna P. McCurdy Scholarship Foundation



Dear Ounalashka Corporation,  
I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the support you all have provided me throughout my college journey.

Your financial assistance through scholarships has not only aided in my tuition costs but has allowed me to

focus on my studies and pursue my academic goals. Your investment in my education has not gone unnoticed and has contributed to my success.

I am pleased to announce I will be graduating with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree with Cum Laude honors from Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho, on May 4th. I am excited to see where my nursing career will take me.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support. I am deeply honored to be a scholarship recipient and part of the Ounalashka Corporation.

With deepest appreciation,

**Julieanne Berikoff**  
Daughter of Emil Berikoff

## NOW HIRING:

Are you interested in a career or internship with OC or one of our companies? Our businesses offer opportunities for Shareholders and descendants to build their skills, gain real-world experience, and be a part of the OC

community. Scan this QR code to see the latest job openings and apply!



# OC Awarded Brownfields Cleanup Grant

OC is pleased to announce we were the only entity in Alaska awarded the 2024 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant for \$2 million. This grant will focus on the cleanup of the Strawberry Hill Asbestos Landfill and is another great opportunity for OC to get its land cleaned up for reuse.

This summer, OC utilized their 2023 EPA Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Grant of \$1 million to remediate PCBs at Building 551. OCE was subcontracted by Montrose Environmental to conduct this remediation.

This project was completed the first week of June with the removal of 529 tons of contaminated soil into 82 bags. These will be transported to Seattle and sent for disposal. Good riddance!

In addition to cleanup, OC received a 2023 EPA Brownfields Tribal Assessment Grant for \$1 million. OC is preparing to conduct environmental assessments this summer in various locations including Xatachxan Lagoon, Strawberry Hill, Building 551,

CMA dock area, and Tundra Drive. Assessments are the first step in the cleanup process.

OC is thankful for these funding opportunities from the EPA and will continue to pursue additional grants to get as much of our lands cleaned up for future use. Information on these sites and Brownfields projects can be found on OC's website.

## Sadaltaaltxin ii? "Do you want to go outside?"

Summer is upon us! All visitors to Ounalashka Corporation lands are required to obtain a Land Use Permit. Permits are free for OC Shareholders and descendants.

Help us be good stewards of our lands! If you notice questionable activity, kindly alert OC by calling **907.581.1276** or emailing us at **info@ounalashka.com**

If you wish to use OC's lands for subsistence or recreation, please submit for a Land Use Permit by visiting our website.



[ounalashka.com/our-lands/land-use-permit](https://ounalashka.com/our-lands/land-use-permit)

The Edna P. McCurdy Scholarship Foundation is funded by Ounalashka Corporation and provides funding for tuition, books, housing, and other expenses to Shareholders and registered descendants.

**Fall Scholarship  
Application Deadline  
is July 31, 2024!**



Apply at:  
<https://ounalashka.com/our-shareholders/edna-p-mccurdy-scholarship/>



**As seen  
in our region**

Submit your photos to [shareholderinfo@ounalashka.com](mailto:shareholderinfo@ounalashka.com) for a chance to be featured.



# Need to talk?

988 connects you to Careline, Alaska's suicide and crisis lifeline. If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat [988Lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org). When you call 988, you will be connected with a trained Alaska Careline crisis counselor who can help.

Learn more about Careline at [carelinealaska.com](https://carelinealaska.com) or about 988 in Alaska at [988.alaska.gov](https://988.alaska.gov).



Connect to MyOC Shareholder Portal

# Log In Today!

Connecting with OC via the MyOC portal is easy, convenient and secure! Once you have logged in, you can check your information and more.



**Step 1** Go to the Ounalashka Corporation website: [ounalashka.com](https://ounalashka.com)



**Step 2** Click on the green "My OC Shareholder Portal" button.



**Step 3** If new to MyOC, click on the word "here."



**Step 4** Follow the instructions on the site.



# Historical Moment

## UKNADAX

Did you know that in 1993, President Clinton signed into law a bill to rename a stretch of shoreline on Hog Island as "Arkansas Beach" to honor a regiment of Arkansas National Guardsman who fought off a Japanese invasion during World War II?

Because of the debris and contamination still on the island today, OC's Board of Directors has decided to close Hog Island to the public until further notice.





# OCE Begins Work on Summer Projects

In addition to conducting snow removal all winter, OCE has been preparing Work Plans for two different projects taking place at three locations: Building 551, Summer Bay-Humpy Cove, and Little South America.

OCE's field season began April 15, conducting site visits at both Little South America and Summer Bay – Humpy Cove to prepare for the removal of 400 tons of soil contaminated by diesel fuel. The site visit consisted of soil sampling, determining site access, and water management concerns. Unfortunately, in mid-May, unexpected circumstances delayed the field season until 2025.

Shortly after conducting the Site Visit, OCE began site preparation at Building 551 to remove approximately 420 tons of PCB contaminated soil under an EPA ANCSA Contaminated Lands Cleanup Grant. During the site preparation, the field crew found old steam pipes, confirmed the presence of an old utilidor, removed trees, and began excavating in order to reach the contaminated soil. Excavation of 529 tons of contaminated soil in 82 supersacks was completed at the end of May.

In addition to the remedial action projects, OCE has been supporting and organizing the quarterly RAB meetings with US Army Corps of Engineers. These meetings provide project updates of Formerly Used Defense Sites, as well as any archaeological sites. The RAB meetings also provide community members a chance to ask specific questions, as well as meet the US Army Corps of Engineers Project Managers and Archaeologists.

## OCE's field crew

Lead Scientist – Tiffany Angus  
Heavy Equipment Operators – Pancho Lopez, Felipe Lekanoff  
Site Superintendent – Jennifer Danis (not pictured)

## OCE Support

Anna Robinson (not pictured) – Alaska Peninsula Corp  
Kimi Lloyd (not pictured) – Alaska Peninsula Corp



## OUNALASHKA CORPORATION

### Staff

**Natalie A. Cale**  
CEO, COO, General Counsel  
**Denise M. Rankin**  
President  
**Laresa Syverson**  
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Board Secretary  
**Donna Van Flein**  
Corporate Affairs Coordinator  
**Chelsea Bramble**  
Shareholder Affairs Manager  
**Kimberly Johnson**  
Human Resources Manager  
**Eren Fernandez**  
Senior Accountant  
**Levi Vernon**  
Senior Accountant Trainee  
**Laura Danford-Meier**  
Accounts Payable Specialist  
**Kitty Greene**  
Controller  
**Thomas Wray**  
Operations Manager  
**Maricel Tungul**  
Leasing Manager  
**Kristine Balbarino**  
Residential Property & Leasing  
Coordinator  
**Anastasia "Sasha" Rankin**  
Lands Assistant  
**Jared Ingle**  
Maintenance Tech II/Supervisor  
**Emil Berikoff, Jr.**  
Maintenance Tech II  
**John Jason Bereskin**  
Maintenance Technician  
**Duane Johnson**  
Maintenance Technician  
**Eliseo "Bong" Orteza**  
Maintenance Technician  
**Veronika Kadoun**  
Security Officer  
**Josephine Padgett**  
Security Officer  
**Mercedez Caudillo**  
WWII Clerk  
**Rylee Lekanoff**  
WWII Clerk  
**Spencer Arebalo**  
Receptionist

### OCE Staff

**Jason Westenskow**  
Environmental Project Manager  
**Tiffany Angus**  
Lead Environmental Scientist  
**Jennifer Danis**  
Site Superintendent  
**Jose Lopez**  
Lead Heavy Equipment Operator  
**Felipe Lekanoff**  
Lead Heavy Equipment Operator



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## Shareholder Announcements

### DIRECT DEPOSIT

OC Shareholders, ensure you receive your dividends as quickly as possible! Please read the direct deposit form carefully, and you must attach a copy of a voided check or an official document from your bank. If one is not attached, your form will not be accepted.

### STOCK WILL & ESTATE

Do you have an OC Stock Will on file? Having a Stock Will on file with OC lets you determine who will inherit your stock after your passing. If you pass away without a Stock Will, your stock will be distributed according to Alaska State Law and may be distributed to individuals you do not intend.

Most importantly, not having a Stock Will on file slows down the stock inheritance

process for your heirs and descendants.

### IMPORTANT NOTE!

Ounalashka Settlement Trust (OST) units are distributed pursuant to the transfer of OC stock, provided, however, only if the OC stock is inherited by an Alaska Native or descendant of an Alaska Native. Effective since June 3, 2017, non-Natives cannot inherit trust units in the OST. If any Shareholders will their OC shares to a non-Native, the intended non-Native recipient WILL NOT have any right to vote and WILL NOT receive any distributions (dividends). Essentially, you are giving them nothing.

### DESCENDANTS

With each successive generation, it is becoming

more challenging to document a descendant's relationship to an original Shareholder. Collecting the information now makes the application process easier for both current and future generations.

The information submitted through the registration process is being collected to:

- Improve communications with descendants who may become OC Shareholders in the future through gifting or inheritance.
- Provide information on potential opportunities and activities.
- Aid the Edna P. McCurdy Scholarship Foundation in establishing proof of eligibility for scholarships.
- Help support and promote artists and entrepreneurs.

## We want to hear from you!

OC wants to continue to promote and recognize our Shareholders and descendants. We have many Shareholders who have a variety of talents and expertise. Email us at [Shareholderinfo@ounalashka.com](mailto:Shareholderinfo@ounalashka.com) to be featured online and/or in the Eider Pointer. Ounalashka Corporation reserves the right to alter or edit any submissions prior to publication.