



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

AVCP Regional Housing Authority



Spring 2011

## Message from Ron Hoffman, President/CEO



Spring is a busy time for us all with subsistence activities, preparing for new housing and modernization projects, legislative sessions coming down to a close and graduations coming up.

We hope everyone a successful season of hunting and gathering along with a good salmon harvest come this summer.

Our annual conference in March was the most well received conferences by our tribal delegates and guests. Comprehensive planning at the local level was our chosen theme for the conference and specifically geared toward our delegates and tribes. One of the topics of the conference was the Hydro Feasibility Preliminary Study in our area. AVCP RHA consultants completed the Reconnaissance and preliminary hydropower feasibility study and provided an overview and presentation on their findings at the housing conference. The intent to the study was to explore the feasibility of four potential sites. Three on the Kisaralik River of Golden Falls, lower falls and upper falls, and one on the Allen River outfall of Chikuminuk Lake, which are all feasible and have potential. The Chikuminuk Lake is the most advantageous of the all sites due to

month to month energy delivery potential, lack of fish, and having the lowest net present value of all the possible sites. Nuvista Light & Power Cooperative, Inc, a non-profit cooperative will now take the lead for further evaluation of the lake.

Twelve members make up the Nuvista Board, including AVCP Inc., AVCP RHA, YKHC, AVEC, Kwethluk, Inc., MKEC, and Chaninik Wind Group. Nuvista will take the lead in coordination of regional energy planning, activities and project efforts in our region. Nuvista submitted a state legislative request of \$17.6 million to complete a detailed feasibility study, SERRC applications, public meetings, and preliminary design on Chikuminuk Lake. The region needs to commit to projects which assess and utilize renewable energy, including completing the regional energy plan and support regional energy projects to reduce energy costs. There is a plan to conduct a regional energy plan that will be the platform to develop more alternative energy projects.

After the presentation, the public meeting stated the Chikuminuk Lake study was most favorable as far as location and less harm to the natural environment.

It takes cooperation and participation in making projects a reality.

Have a safe and prosperous spring season.

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### May Calendar

- May 1, Housing Payments Due
- May 19, Board of Commissioners Meeting
- May 24-26 NAIHC Annual Conference in Phoenix AZ
- May 20, Clean up, Green up
- May 31, Memorial Day, Offices will be closed.



Bosco Hooper and Phil Brink in Seattle, going thru material inventory before the barge sets off in May.



## 15th Annual Housing Conference



“Comprehensive Planning at the Local Level”. This theme was expressed throughout the conference in March with delegates, speakers and visitors in attendance.

The tribes had a clearer view of the planning process in order to make sustainable communities. We invited speakers and trainers from Denali Commission, HUD-ONAP, NAIHC, Village Safe Water, RuralCap, AMER-IND Risk Management, and more to collaborate on effective planning. Our Development staff also gave a presentation on the planning process.

The delegates were grouped by region and took part in hands-on activities,

giving them ideas and strategies in planning for future housing projects in their communities. The conference was well received by our tribes and attendants; saying they will go home with valuable information.

Other topics covered were; Chikuminuk Lake and Kiseralik River Hydro Preliminary Study, Leveraging, Housing Needs Assessment, Ventilation Systems in a house and NAHASDA Essentials.

On day three, new Indian Housing Planning Committee members were elected to represent their region.

Thanks to all the sponsors and businesses who donated to help make our conference a successful event.



## Annual Housing Conference Awards and Recognition



Ron Hoffman, 25 Years of Service  
Chris Jacobs, Employee of the Year  
Mark Charlie, 15 Years of Service  
Sam Paul, Apprentice of the Year



Nellie McElwee, Chairman Recognition  
James Hoelscher, Homebuyer of the Year  
Sonya Olofsson, Jesse Anvil and Dick Samson—5 Years of Service  
Kevin Augustine, Apprentice Program Certificate of Completion



Bobby Petluska, FPS of the Year  
Robert Nick, 10 Years/Commissioner



## 2011 Summer Projects and Employment

**Development:** Field Project Superintendents, Lead Carpenters, Carpenters, Electricians, Plumbers and Laborers Needed. Call Sonya Olofsson at 1(800)-478-4687 or (907)-543-3121 for more information.

Projects for 12-VLIP3 and 28-HMH4 homes

Village	HMH	VLIP
Akiak	6	1
Goodnews Bay	2	2
Tuntutuliak	6	2
Kongiganak	7	2
Kwigillingok	2	2
Russian Mission	4	1
Crooked Creek		1
Red Devil		1
Upper Kalskag	1	

### Modernization/Special Projects

Bethel: 31 projects to do siding, roofing, boiler upgrade, repair rotting floors and storm door installation. Ayalpik-exterior siding. Hiring lead carpenter, carpenters, boiler techs and laborers.

Village Projects: Aniak BLR-exterior siding, Napakiak Triplex, Upper Kalskag (23), Tuntutuliak Triplex, Hooper Bay (25), Kipnuk Triplex, Platinum (7), Nunapitchuk (15), Napakiak (24), Eek (12) Total Projects: 146

We are also taking applications for Project foremen for all our projects here in Bethel and the surrounding villages. For more information or applications you can contact Phillip Brink at 1-800-478-4687 or 907-543-4423.

Sam Paul of Kipnuk was recognized as Alaska's Apprentice of the Year by Department of Labor Commission Click Bishop at the 2010 Apprenticeship Conference and Awards Banquet. Paul recently completed his Building Maintenance Repairer apprenticeship and is now a journeyman living and working in the village of Kipnuk, Alaska.

Along with 340 hours of course-related instruction, Paul also completed more than 4,000 hours of on-the-job training. Paul is now certified by the US Department of Labor as a BMR technician and is qualified to build, maintain, repair and renovate housing and public buildings. BMRs have a wide range of construction skills such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, welding and sheetmetal work.

The Denali Training Fund provided travel expenses for Paul to attend training during his apprenticeship as well as room, board, and basic tools. The JATCs of several trade organizations provided instruction for the BMR apprenticeship.

During his apprenticeship, Paul was employed CVR building sidewalks; the Y-K Delta Health Corporation building a new clinic; and AVCP RHA building a triplex in Kipnuk.

"I was glad to be in an apprenticeship," Paul said. "Without it I wouldn't have had these jobs."

### Permanent Fund Dividend Application Drive

The PFD assignment has started this month. Our homebuyers and tenants have an option to settle their debts by assigning their PFD to the housing authority. Staff from AVCP Regional Housing Authority will travel to villages to inform Homebuyers in person of the deadline. This is one of many services AVCP RHA provides to keep Homebuyers knowledgeable in their respective programs. Assigning a Permanent Fund can be used to become eligible for Modernization, getting ahead in payments, settling your accounts receivables and as a tool for Homebuyers to be successful in the Homeownership Program that AVCP Regional Housing Authority provides to the communities all over

### Current Job Openings at AVCP RHA

#### Tribal Operations:

Intake Manager  
 Maintenance Counselor  
 Realty Specialist/Loan Processor  
 Bethel Low Rent Resident Manager

#### Modernization:

Inventory Clerk and  
 Project Manager

#### Weatherization:

Residential Energy Coordinator  
 Heating Safety Efficiency Coord

#### Development:

Project Manager  
 AutoCADD  
 Quality Control

\* Must fill out application for one position. Resumes preferred. Call our office for more information.

Paul was gratified to learn that one of his friends would soon be moving into the triplex he helped to build. Housing is often in short supply in Alaska's Bush communities. With his training as a Building Maintenance Repairer, Paul was able to help construct a new dwelling for his village.

Paul is one of several recent graduates of AWP's Building Maintenance Repairer apprenticeship.

- Sam Paul was also awarded by AVCP RHA as the 2011 Apprentice of the Year.
- This year, we had 3 people from our area complete the apprenticeship program and are in the process of going through the application process.
- Contact Glen Watson for more information at 907-543-4457.



the YK Delta. Faxed bulletins will be provided to your local Traditional and City Councils for posting in public settings. Won't you consider assigning your PFD this year? If you did not assign your PFD this year we urge you to use your PFD, when you get it, to make house payments or to settle your account. Also adults living in the units can assist the homebuyer with their house payments or to pay on account by assigning their PFD too! Don't forget, there is a drawing to win money for anyone participating in this drive. Call one of our Occupancy Specialist for more information.

### Do it yourself household tips

#### Change your air filter regularly

Check your filter every month, especially during heavy use months (winter and summer). If the filter looks dirty after a month, change it.

- At a minimum, change the filter every 3 months. A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the system work harder to keep you warm or cool - wasting energy.
- A clean filter will also prevent dust and dirt from building up in the system - leading to expensive maintenance and/or early system failure.

#### Install a programmable thermostat

A programmable thermostat is ideal for people who are away from home during set periods of time throughout the week. Through proper use of pre-programmed settings, a programmable thermostat can save you about \$180 every year in energy costs.

AVCP REGIONAL  
HOUSING AUTHORITY

**Mission Statement**

**“Our Mission is to empower tribes and families to achieve self-sufficiency and success by providing affordable housing opportunities with education, counseling, support, employment and training which promote traditional values.”**

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***Baked Goose Recipe***

Soak plucked goose overnight, in water mixed with 1/3 C. salt and 3TBS baking soda.  
Dry well and lightly season cavity with salt and pepper. Fill cavity with your favorite stuffing (i.e. potato/bread mixture with sage added to sautéed onions in butter).  
Brush goose with a mixture of oil and butter, then season with salt and ground pepper (Optional, lightly add a mixture of garlic and onion powder).  
Cook goose (you can add potatoes or carrots) for approximately 90 minutes at 400F, in a very tight roaster containing at least 1 in. of water. This will steam roast the bird and it is important to not remove the cover during this time.  
Remove the cover, baste the bird and then "brown" it for approximately 20-30 minutes. The drippings make excellent gravy. Enjoy!

WE ARE ON THE WEB!  
WWW.AVCPHOUSING.ORG

**2011 Indian Housing Planning Committee**

<b>Primary</b>	<b>Primary</b>
Unit 1 Edward Adams (Alakanuk, Chuloonawik, Kotlik, Hamilton, Bill Moore's Slough, Nunam Iqua)	Bambi Akers
Unit 2 Nicky Myers (Andreafski, Algaaciq, Ohogamiut, Marshall, Pitka's Point, Russian Mission)	Sebastian Cowboy
Unit 3 Loreen Steeves (Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek, Georgetown, Upper/ Lower Kalskag, Red Devil, Napaimute, Stony River)	Crystal Lang
Unit 4 Ivan M Ivan (Akiak, Tuluksak)	Moses K Peter
Unit 5 Carl Motgin (Napakiak, Napaskiak, Oscarville)	Chris Larson

<b>Primary</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Unit 6 Marie Alexie (Atmautluak, Kasigluk, Nunapitchuk)	Nastasia Evon
Unit 7 Lucy Lupie (Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwigillingok, Tuntutuliak)	Edward David
Unit 8 Thomas Carl (Chefornak, Mekoryuk, Newtok, Nightmute, Toksook Bay, Tununak, Umkumiut)	Tommy Kusaiak
Unit 9 Daniel Joe (Chevak, Hooper Bay, Paimiut, Scammon Bay)	Clifford Kaganak
Unit 10 Nick Carter (Eek, Goodnews Bay, Platinum)	Willam Brown

***Board of Commissioners***

Robert Nick, Nunapitchuk	Chairman
Timothy Kaganak, Scammon Bay	Vice-Chair
Wayne Morgan, Aniak	Secretary/Treasurer
George Peter, Akiachak	Sergeant at Arms