



2019

Voters Guide

GENERAL ELECTION | JUNE 1

the PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS
GENEROUS AND WELCOMING TO ALL PEOPLE

Important Dates & Times

Dear Tribal Member,

We are entering our election season for 2019. There will be two (2) positions open on the Tribal Council.

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

Wednesday, February 20th, 2019	Deadline for Notice of Candidacy: must be submitted to Council Secretary by 12:00 p.m. (noon) by those interested in running for the open position;
Wednesday, February 20th, 2019	Deadline for Tribal Newspaper Voter's Pamphlet: submit Candidacy letter and photo by 5:00 p.m.; location to be announced in the Tribal Newspaper.
Friday, March 1st, 2019	Deadline for absentee ballot request—must be received in Election Committee P.O. Box by 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 6th, 2019	Absentee ballots must be received in the Election Committee's P.O. Box by 8:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 6th, 2019	Primary election: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Tribal Administration Building, 3009 E. Portland Ave., Tacoma, WA. 98404.
Thursday, April 11th, 2019	Courtesy mail-out of election count: deadline for Voter General Election Pamphlet by 5:00 p.m. to Council Secretary. Absentee ballot requests mailed out for General Election.
Thursday, May 2nd, 2019	Deadline for absentee ballot requests—must be received in Election Committee P.O. Box by 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 1st, 2019	Absentee ballots must be received in Election Committee's P.O. Box by 8:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 1st, 2019	General election: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Tribal Administration Building, 3009 E. Portland Ave., Tacoma, WA. 98404.
Thursday, June 6th, 2019	Courtesy mail-out of election count.

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(Candidates listed in order of number of votes.)

Candidates running in the general election for 2 open positions on Puyallup Tribal Council:

- 2 Annette M. Bryan**
- 3 Bill Sterud**
- 4 Monica Miller**
- 5 James V. Miles Sr.**

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Puyallup Tribe of the State of Washington

Article IV Election and Nominations for the Tribal Council, Section 1

Any qualified voter who has not been recalled from membership in the Tribal Council within five (5) years from the date of the next election may become a candidate for membership in the Tribal Council. He or she shall file a notice of candidacy with the Secretary of the Tribal Council at least fifteen (15) days before the election.





Annette M. Bryan



VOTE Annette Bryan

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#TogetherWeAreBetter

Please join me for family fun day

May 19, 1 – 4 p.m.

Eastside Community Center
1721 E 56th St.

We will have food, bouncy house, and more!



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Good Day Honorable Friends and Relatives,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the overwhelming support from you in the primary election. **WE cannot rest, WE are strong, and WE are proving that by working TOGETHER, OUR voice is being heard!** Every vote matters and I do not take any one of them for granted.

WE can all take pride in the accomplishments that WE have made:

- The casino project is on track, player tracking is being implemented, and the casino is doing customer service training
- The elders assisted living facility is open
- We stand UNITED in saying NO to LNG
- The power loop grid and baseball field lighting were completed
- The school auditorium is funded
- Teachers' salaries have been updated
- The Election Code has been updated
- We hosted to 2018 Power Paddle to Puyallup, the NW Basket Weavers Conference, and a Sex Trafficking Identification Training
- We are having quarterly membership meetings and sharing the budget
- A new social service department is being developed to meet the needs of our membership by providing comprehensive, wrap-around case management
- We enhanced dental services to our members
- We surveyed members on the children's trusts, switching the trust to a bank that has expertise in tribal trust accounts

Even though we have come so far, we still have a long way to go!

WE still have many issues that **WE** must address in the coming years:

- Tackle our addiction problem head on

- Better communication about our school's test scores and what's being done to stop bullying
- Letting the membership vote on the trust survey results
- Develop an open records policy
- Employing more tribal members and providing opportunities for our businesses to thrive
- Develop a strategic vision for OUR Tribe that serves as our roadmap for the years to come
- Creating ways for allowing members to have a role in decisions
- Providing more housing
- Giving our elders the very best care

I am running for re-election because I care very deeply about each and every one of our members and future generations. I bring life experience, education, and decades of work experience in tribal, local, federal, and state governments. I have worked as the Tribe's Housing Director and at the Environmental Protection Agency, and have served on many tribal committees. I'm ready to serve!

It is an honor to carry on the past work of our ancestors and past council members. I lift my hands to those who have made this sacrifice.

My leadership style is to lead by example, listen to every point of view, lead with love, and lift others up. My prayer for OUR people is that WE come TOGETHER to promote financial, mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness for each member.

Please vote, it's too important not to. **I humbly ask for your vote in the General election so that WE can carry on this work, TOGETHER!**

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With Much Humility and Gratitude,

Annette M. Bryan



Bill Sterud



To honor our elders-ancestors, to help our youth grow and succeed.

LEADERSHIP

Dedication

Economic Growth-Development

I am asking for your support.

Vote Bill Sterud

Saturday, June 1st

Location: Administration Building 10am-4pm



Tribal Members, I am honored to have your support! Thank you to all that continue to support me.

Elders:

The ability to take care of our elders, the ones who endured and courageously showed strength during the tribe's hardship motivates me. I want to continue expanding Elders building and assisted living; we still need more to ensure our elders get the best care.

Emerald Queen Casino:

I have been the chair for the casino construction and design team meetings for the last year – every Tuesday we ensure that the casino is progressing. This is our economic engine and when it opens it will be the finest gaming facility in the State of Washington, without a doubt. Our investment in this facility will help carry the economic prosperity for the next generation of Tribal Members into the future. I am so proud to say that we are going to have player tracking, a beautiful casino and hotel that showcases our culture, art, tradition.

Per Capita:

I made the motion to start the Per Capita Program in a membership meeting in 2002. I am big supporter of our Per Capita Program and I will fight to make sure our Per Capita Program continues.

Addiction Crisis:

We have all know, or have known someone that suffers from addiction. I will not stop until our community gets the proper healing. I want the tribe to have its own recovery house that sets up our members for success and is a right step towards a new chapter in life: Job Training, Housing, Education.

Employment:

I am delighted to say that the Puyallup Tribe is one of the top employers in Pierce County. I will continue to fight for great advancement program to provide the

necessary training and experience, and make sure that the PUYALLUP preference is utilized. I am a huge advocate for changing hiring criteria. Our members don't deserve to be turned away; we need to support and give everyone a chance that wants one. Education is key. Our ancestors weren't given this opportunity, and the ability to give our membership opportunities to grow in life is a dream come true!

Cannabis:

I am a big advocate on cannabis throughout the community and country; including in D.C., lobbying to Congress on the medicinal benefits. We signed the Marijuana Compact with the state to open up our own testing lab, producing top quality research to eventually cultivate into use for alternative, natural healing. Now we officially have 2 stores – one in Fife and one in Tacoma. Not only has it been a new opportunity for our economic development growth, it's been able to provide our community a natural way of healing. We are still advancing. This is just the beginning.

Natural Resources:

From battling with the State to make sure they fund culvert replacements to help with Salmon recovery, to working with our local Official Partners to ensure we make advancements on cleaning up the Tide-flats. Nature has been good to us, we need to return the favor and fight to protect our natural resources. Water is life. I have been fighting the LNG facility. We can't allow this on our scared land.

Let us continue to Move Forward Together.

Thank you for your support.

Bill Sterud



Monica Miller



Puyallup Tribal Members, please VOTE MONICA MILLER for next Tribal Council Woman.

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HELLO PUYALLUP TRIBAL MEMBERS: My name is MONICA MILLER.

I want to let everyone know how grateful I am for the primary election.

My Dear Tribal Members,

Thank you all for the support in the primary election. I wanted to let you all know I am a candidate for the general election which will be held on June 1, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Puyallup Tribe's Administration Department.

I am asking for your support on this next general election. I would love to be your next Tribal Council Woman.

I believe in working hard for the Tribal Members. As you all know, I have been working for our Tribe and members for over 40 years; I am currently the Director of Per Capita/ Representative Payee Department. I am a Strong Woman, dependable, trustworthy, dedicated, reliable, educated, and I follow the Tribe's codes, procedures and policies.

I am running for Tribal Council because I want better transparency, better accountability and membership involvement. I want to empower our youth, education and culture; care for and respect our Elders; economic development; protect our Sacred Land.

Listed below are a few ideas that we need to work on as a Tribe:

Membership meetings: need to be organized by a Membership Committee. Topics chosen by members.

Transparency: Assets and debts, economic development, informing the membership first on buying property and new businesses – make it a tribal vote.

Housing for our Members: Most of our Members do not qualify for HUD.

- **Build Tribal Members Homes**
- **Tiny homes and food bank for the homeless**
- **Jobs and training: train and hire members**
- **Large Church: location near Elder's Assisted Living/Cemetery** – the church can also be used for our funerals.
- **Casino Children's Activity Center:** contains indoor water park, arcade, etc., which is beneficial to tourism and should be located near our new Casino. There is a great spot is where the Old Tent Casino resides.
- **Tribal Grocery Store:** tribal tax exempt, location in Fife near 70th street; there are lots of new housing developments nearby and the closest grocery store is in Puyallup or Federal Way.
- **Per Capita Increase:** Trump's new tax law affects all members at 37 percent.
- **Build a separate Chief Leschi Elementary School:** our younger kids should not be in the same school as the older kids.
- **Native Treatment Center:** All NW Indian Tribes build a treatment center together, for all Natives.
- **Membership Committee:** Schedule membership meetings

Puyallup Tribal Members – we need to stand together on protecting our Children, Elders, Water, Land, Fish, Roots, Berries, Education, Culture and most of all, our Sovereignty Rights.



James V. Miles Sr.



Courage

Strength

Respect

Dear Puyallup Tribal Members,

I would like to thank the present Tribal Council Members and their families for their service, and I would like to express a deep sense of gratitude to each one of our past Tribal Council Members and their families for their sacrifice of service.

I have five categories that I plan to focus on, specifically, but not limited to the following areas:

- 1. Housing:** Housing is a basic need for survival that needs to be **safe, suitable** and **affordable** for all our Tribal families. We can do this by working together to establish a realistic plan that encompasses a wide range of housing opportunities such as **Emergency, Transitional, Rental and Home Ownership**. We can achieve this by purchasing, developing and significantly repairing existing members' homes from the water to the mountains throughout our traditional and ancestral lands.
- 2. Addiction/Mental Health:** Although **drug addiction/abuse** on and off the Reservation is not a new issue, I would like to call to your attention that the present level has grown to a crisis that is affecting our people in many negative ways – even though our Tribe has dedicated workers and offers many different programs. In a collaborative effort with Tribal Council and Land Use, I would like to locate a piece of Tribal property and develop a treatment center that provides detoxification as well as substance abuse and mental health care.

3. Social Services: It is my desire to work with the **Council and Departments** in order to expand the level of assistance by raising financial support in the areas of: **Mortgage, Rental, Down Payment and Crisis/Emergency Programs**. The cost of living has gone up, so we should increase the financial support for these service programs.

4. Children Services: Wherever possible, **Family Reunification** needs to be our top priority for the **health, safety** and **vitality** of our children. We need to evaluate what works and what doesn't by developing solution-based programs that encourage a proactive approach and a safe place where families can reconnect with the support that they need. Over the years, we have had more of our children entering protective services than ever before.

5. Employment: We are one of the top employers in Pierce County with over 3,000 employees; but only 500 are Tribal Members. We have Members that can't get a job nor are they being provided with the opportunity to advance into leadership positions. I will work with the Tribal Council to ensure that our right to Tribal Member employment preference is enforced throughout all Tribal entities.

Thank you for your time and I respectfully ask you for not only your vote but also your support and guidance.

**James V. Miles Sr.
For Tribal Council 2019**

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