



# KAWERAK BROWNFIELD PROGRAM QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### DID YOU KNOW?

Our tundra berries grow from a flower bud that survives all winter? After berries are picked, the berry bush then produces a flower bud in late fall. This flower bud must survive snow fall, snow melt, then summer in order for that flower bud to produce a single berry for us to pick in late summer. Our tundra berries are so resilient, they are starting to move uphill to survive increased snow fall!

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

### MAY

#### **Savoonga Community Vision Meeting, May 28**

Brandie & Kayla will meet residents in Savoonga for a Community Vision Meeting for the Former Landfill Site in the City Hall.

#### **Regional Environmental Summit, May 29 & 30**

Hosted in Nome, [kawerak.org/environment](http://kawerak.org/environment)

### JULY

#### **Council Phase I Assessment, July 8**

Brandie, Kayla, & Adam will meet with community members in Council for site assessment.

#### **White Mountain Former BIA School Testing, July 9th and 10th**

Brandie, Kayla & Adam will conduct further testing on the Former BIA School Abandoned Barrels site.

#### **Golovin Community Vision Meeting, July 11**

Brandie, Kayla & Adam will host a Community Vision Meeting for the Former Washeteria.

#### **Shishmaref Beach Tar Barrels Site Visit, July 13**

Brandie, Kayla & Adam will conduct various site tasks for the Beach Tar Barrels site

#### **Site visit to Brevig Mission**

Date of Brevig visit to be announced.

### Benefits of Tundra Berries

- Cloudberry (pictured left) contain 176% of your daily Vitamin C in 1/2 of a cup!
- Cloudberry contain a high level of ellagic acid. Ellagic acid provides powerful health benefits as it is an anticarcinogen, antimutagen, and antioxidant!



## Carol Oliver receives Lifetime Achievement Award

*at the 2024 Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management!*



Carol "Oxie" Oliver has spent a lifetime caring for, helping, and advocating for her people and the land they subsist on in Golovin, Alaska. Oxie and her husband Curt have four children, 22 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. This might help explain some of why Oxie is so passionate about the world we live in and how we're leaving for future generations.

In 2009, Oxie joined the Chinik Eskimo Community Environmental IGAP program. It was a perfect fit for her because she was able to take her love and care for her people and combine it with the education and resources she was learning about. Because subsistence resources are such a valuable way of life, Oxie has been advocating to clean up and keep clean the environment around her community. From encouraging and uplifting the Golovin landfill operator and his work, inspiring local community gardeners to grow vegetables, to advocating for and finding resolution in cleaning up the old fish plant, Oxie has made a tremendous impact on the community she lives in.

If you're lucky enough to do a project in Golovin, Oxie will likely open her home to you, invite you over for coffee, and help you navigate the community. She is a wonderful host and a loving friend. Oxie tries to see the best in every situation and inspires others every day. (Anahma Shannon and Kawerak's Brownfield program nomination letter).



## NUNA: Our Land Connects Us

*Kawerak Regional Environmental Summit*

*May 29th & 30th, 2024*

What will you find at Kawerak's Environmental Summit this year? There will be sessions on many topics such as: *climate change, food security, energy, solid waste management, brownfields, navigating funding/grants, soap making, field trips, reuse visioning sessions, mocktail hour etc.* We welcome this as an opportunity to come together, share environmental issues from your community, meet face to face, and share resources!