

Tuyanitun : Tuggeht Sculpture Dedication and Reception at Bishop's Beach Park

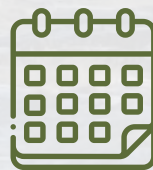
The City of Homer, in collaboration with the Bunnell Street Arts Center and the Ninilchik Traditional Council, is pleased to announce the addition of a new sculpture to the City of Homer Municipal Public Art Collection. The dedication ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bishop's Beach Park and Pavilion.

The sculpture, titled "*Tuyanitun : Tuggeht*" (pronounced too-yan-eee-toon : to-get), was installed in October of 2022 and is a significant addition to the public art landscape. Designed by Argent Kvasnikoff, a member of the Ninilchik Village Tribe and a talented artist, the sculpture aims to honor the Indigenous stewardship of the lands, both in the past and for the future.

The name "*Tuyanitun*" references an ancient Dena'ina wayfinding system, while "*Tuggeht*" represents the Dena'ina name for the location, also known as Bishop's Beach, a place beloved by all, and evokes boreal spruce, rock cairns, and beach glass.

This noteworthy public art project has garnered support from various organizations and individuals. Funding contributions have been provided by the Alaska Community Foundation Social Justice Fund, Alaska State Council on the Arts, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, National Endowment for the Arts, National Performance Network, Rasmuson Foundation, the Ninilchik Village Tribe, as well as individual donors.

For more information please visit the [Bunnell Street Gallery website](https://www.bunnellarts.org) or contact info@bunnellarts.org.



Wednesday, June 21
Refreshments at 5:30 p.m.
Dedication at 6 p.m.



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