

PORT GRAHAM VILLAGE COUNCIL

DECEMBER 2012

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WISHING  
YOU  
A  
VERY  
MERRY  
*Christmas*



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From all of us here at the  
Port Graham Village Council



A black and white line drawing of two people in traditional Inuit clothing. The man on the left wears a large, pointed hat with intricate patterns and a star on top. The woman on the right wears a beaded headband and a necklace. The background is plain white.

# The Native Village of Port Graham Traditional Values

**With guidance and  
support from our  
Elders, we teach our  
children Alutiiq values**

**Sugpiaq/Alutiiq Value of the Month:**

***HONESTY***





## ANA GOVERNANCE PROJECT HAPPENINGS

ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS PROJECT COORDINATOR Daryl Kreun

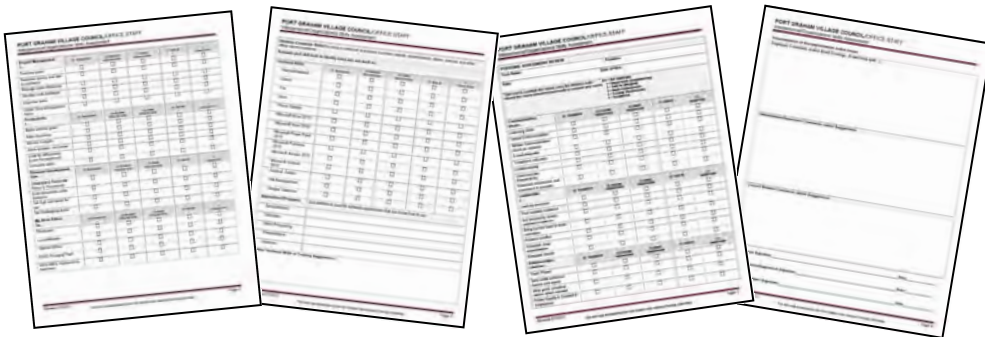
This Port Graham ANA article is the first article for Year Two! The Port Graham Village Council has been awarded the ANA Non-Competing Continuation Grant on September 19, 2012, meaning this ANA Governance Project has been awarded to continue for another year. During our Year One, ANA Project we have accomplished many of the objective work plans, from the Local Tribal Membership ANA Survey (you can check out the results on the Port Graham website; [www.portgraham.org](http://www.portgraham.org)), also creating a Council Office Staff & Council Member Personal Assessment forms, in which would provide needed information to provide and schedule relevant trainings as part of their roles and responsibilities.

These assessment forms were developed by the ANA Advisory/ Training Committee and Project Partner, Chugachmiut too to be utilized by the Port Graham Village Council Office to measure office staff and Council Members current abilities in relation to their job responsibilities. This will benefit two ways, one; to assess the full training needs to determine the most effective, relevant and economical means in provide trainings for office staff and council members and two; will continue to be utilized on an annual/semi-annual bases to measure and track office staff work performances and help determine, as needed follow-up trainings. If you would like to check out these newly developed forms, stop by the ANA Office during ANA office hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 am-5:00 pm.



Port Graham Council Members attending a 2 day, on-site training on Tribal Government & Leadership provided by Falmouth Institute with Instructor John Eberhart.

Year Two Objectives are to continue and complete trainings for the Port Graham Village Council Members and Office Staff that began in the first 12 months, with both off-site and on-site trainings and follow-up training to be scheduled based on an evaluation tool that was also developed by the Port Graham ANA Advisory/Training Committee. This evaluation tool was developed for evaluating the effectiveness of trainings received, to measure how well the trainings were accepted and how much was learned through this process.



## Community Health Representative CHR

Merry Christmas Port Graham! My name is Lydia McMullen and I was hired by the Port Graham Village Council as the new CHR this December 2012. I am a board member of the PG Environmental Committee and a devote Orthodox Christian. My hobbies are subsistence fishing and hunting, hiking, berry picking, subsistence preservation techniques, Alaska Native Arts beading, skin sewing, carving and being a happy Grandmother. I am a tribal member and have lived and worked in Port Graham Village for the past 26 years. I have 4 grown children and 5 Grandchildren! Pure Joy! :-)

Please feel free to contact me at the PGVC Community Center during the hours 9:00am to noon, and 1pm to 2pm, Monday thru Friday. As soon as AK Division of Public Assistance helps me obtain a Fee Agent License I will be able to assist the residents of Port Graham with any Public Assistance applications. Also, I will be helping with the distribution of Elder Food Boxes thru the Elders Nutrition Program and will be opening the PGVC Food Bank monthly for low Income Families. You can contact the PGVC Community Center regarding FOOD BANK hours. There are applications at the PGVC if anyone is interested in the Food Bank to help supplement your groceries in times of need.

I will be coordinating activities and be an advocate as a CHR and working with other PGVC Staff to implement Health & Social Service Programs, Elders Tea, Potlucks, etc. for our wonderful Community of Port Graham!

Feel free to stop by and see me at the Community Center anytime during my working hours. For the elders who are home and can not get around ~ give me a call and I will come see you! Stay healthy and warm and I wish you all a *very Merry Christmas!*



# JOB OPENINGS IN PORT GRAHAM

## ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN

### Primary responsibilities include:

Development and implementation of the Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP) environmental projects under the direction of the Port Graham Village Council. The Environmental Technician (ET) will work as directed on environmental issues with local, State and Federal agencies.

### Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Assist Environmental Planner with the design and execute environmental presentations' on household hazardous waste, landfill maintenance, indoor air quality, etc., to be attended by tribal members in community.
2. Assist Environmental Planner with planning and implementation of environmental work plan.
3. Establish and maintain an environmental office within the community.
4. Submit written reports to Tribal Council on knowledge gained from training, work- shop, or conferences attended.
5. Schedule regular contact with Environmental Planner and Tribal Council supervisor for the purpose of work assignments, oversight, and technical assistance.
6. Assist Environmental Planner with coordination and planning of the Annual Village Clean-Up.
7. Assist with monitoring of Household Hazmat site.
8. Any other duties as assigned to complete projects with program and Village Council.
9. Ability to work with little or no supervision.

### Qualifications:

- High School Diploma required
- Strong interest in environmental issues or preferred experience working on environmental related issues
- Strong written and verbal communication skills preferred
- Mandatory experience with computers and computer software
- Be able to do physical labor (lift up to 50 pounds)

### Work Conditions:

Hours of work are as assigned by supervisor, generally Monday to Friday; 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Port Graham Village Council maintains a drug free and non-smoking environment.

This position is funded by EPA.

**Native Preference under P.L. 93-638 Job Posted: June 2, 2011**



Christalina Jager, Librarian

### Library Chatter on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

I am looking into a literacy program called Best Beginnings. It provides matching funds and technical assistance to communities that wish to start their own Imagination Libraries.



The communities raise funds, promote the program, register the children, and enter information into a database. The Dollywood Foundation: manages the system and mails the books.

We are looking forward to having the Dolly Parton, Imagination Library for Port Gramms Youth. It offers free books to children ages Birth through 4 years of age.

I have contacted a number of parents of children this age and will be arranging for a meeting of all interested parties soon. If you are interested, please stop by the library and get yourself on the imagination library 'mailing list'.

Best Beginnings is a public-private partnership that mobilizes people and resources to ensure all Alaska children begin school ready to succeed through support from businesses, foundations, nonprofits, government, and individuals.

Lolita Brache, one of the Best Beginnings organizers, said this system offers the cheapest investment anyone can make towards helping more children enter school ready to learn. "If we can really get more books into more homes and encourage families to read to the children more often, we can have a huge impact on school readiness," she said.

Imagination Library is not just a book delivery program; it is designed to get a whole community involved with helping their children succeed in school. To make it successful and ensure its sustainability over time, it is important to spread the work around. Every Imagination Library must have local residents who can fulfill certain tasks.

# Community Events and Information

## DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

Do you have an announcement, news or an upcoming event you would like to include in the Port Graham Village Council's Newsletter, **Kalihakpet**?

Port Graham Village Council invites you to *submit* information to be considered for publication in our *newsletter* which can be viewed online at our website: [www.portgraham.org](http://www.portgraham.org)



## PORT GRAHAMS LIBRARY COMPUTER

The library computer is available to find jobs with the State of Alaska Jobs site and to enroll in the State of Alaska Library system, and also to check emails and general research. If any of the rules are broken you will lose your privilege to use the computer.



Hrs of Operation are: 9:00 – 2:00 pm w/lunch @ noon

## PORT GRAHAM CLINIC ANNOUNCEMENT



### CLINIC PHONE NUMBERS



When the Clinic's direct line: **(284-2241)** is not in service.

And the On-Call Cell phone: **(284-3030)** is *also* not working  
Please use the clinics other number to reach the Clinic regarding an emergency or for an appointment: **284-2295**

### **Reminder:**

**Every Thursday morning the entire clinic staff is in an online meeting. The only patients who will be seen are emergencies.**

**Thank you**



## Behavioral Health in Port Graham

**Jim Henkleman,**

907-235-0735 / 230-6693

(leave a message)

If you have questions or need

to schedule an appointment with the Behavior Health pro-



vider you can contact **Jim Henkleman** at the Behavior Health Office, **284-2247** or Call the Clinic Receptionist.

## December is Seasonal Depression Awareness Month

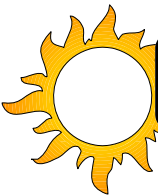
Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) makes people feel depressed as a result of less sunlight during winter months. Seasonal depression is common among people who live in climates where it rains most of the year, or where there is drastically decreased sunlight. (like here in

Port Graham) SAD has recently been recognized as a medical condition, and there are a wide variety of treatments for those who suffer from seasonal depression, for instance, *light therapy box, soak in the sun, regular sleeping habits, drink milk for vitamin D, use*

*St. Johns Wort, do yoga to help regulate melatonin.*

SAD is a condition best avoided.

But, if it does afflict, opt for natural cures. They are safe and effective with no side effects. However, whatever remedies you may adopt, don't forget to consult your physician first.





TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM DECEMBER 2012 CALANDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 <i>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</i> <b>OJJDP</b> <i>US Department of Justice</i>	4	5 Fun Night: 6:30-9pm	6 Activity Night: 6:30-8:30pm Dance Practice &Activities	7	8 Teen Night 6 <sup>th</sup> grade & up 6-9PM
10	11 Activity Night: 6:30-8:30pm Dance Practice & Activities	12 Fun Night: 6:30-9pm	13 Activity Night: 6:30-8:30pm Dance Practice &Activities	14 Teen Night 6 <sup>th</sup> grade & up 7-9PM	15 Christmas Bazaar 5:30-8:30pm
17 Activity Night: 7 - 8 pm Dance Practice & Activities	18 Fun Night: 6:30-9 pm	19 Activity Night: 6:30-8:30pm Dance Practice &Activities	20 Port Graham School Annual Christmas Program	21	22
24	25	26	27 Activity Night: 6:30-8:30pm	28 Teen Night 6 <sup>th</sup> grade & up 7-9PM	29
31 After bingo, games @ the community cen- ter till Midnight	Merry Christmas!				

# Fun Night!

... will be changed this (and next month) because of holiday activities, be sure to check the calendar for dates of activities throughout December (and January).

Fun Night is held at the Community Center from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm

Folks of all ages are encouraged to come have a little fun

Doing things like arts & crafts, games, and playing music!



## TEEN NIGHT

Some dates and times may change during December 2012, however...Teen Night will be held every other Friday and Saturday night between 7 - 9

All teens interested in sharing company and laughs with others please come!



## ACTIVITY NIGHT

Activity Night will be on different nights during December (see calendar for dates and times); We will have Dance Practice on this night as well. Anyone who is interested in sharing company, tea, their hobby & laughs are encouraged to attend!



# Your opinion counts!

Our mission is to provide the highest quality services to our beneficiaries. Many of the changes and improvements we make are based on the ideas and opinions of our customers.



Please help us continue to improve services by submitting comments and suggestions.

If you prefer to speak with someone directly, call 1-800-478-4155 and ask for a Customer Feedback Representative.

Providing your contact information will help us look into your concerns. Your comments are strictly confidential but details of your matter will be shared with key personnel who will conduct the investigation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please indicate your affiliation:

Native Tribal Member

Native Non-Tribal

Non Native

If you choose not to provide your name and contact information, an investigation will NOT be performed but your comments WILL be recorded.

**Do your comments pertain to a specific Chugachmiut division? If so, please check the appropriate box.**

Health Services

Community & Family Services

Enterprise & Trust

Self Governance & Human Resources

Finance & Administration

**If your comments pertain to a particular Chugachmiut service or department, please specify:**

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**Do your comments pertain to a specific Chugachmiut employee or employees?  
Please indicate:**

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Please provide your comments in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Besides the issue you commented on above, how would you rate the overall performance of Chugachmiut?**

Excellent     Good     Average     Below Average     Poor

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

**FOR CHUGACHMIUT USE ONLY**

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Feedback Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Feedback Category

Positive     Neutral     Negative

Staff Contact in Charge of Resolution:

\_\_\_\_\_

Notes/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

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Resolution Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





Felicia Yeaton,  
Tribal Youth

# YOUTH & ELDER NEWS

Hi Everyone!

In an effort to provide sober activities for people of all ages to participate in on New Years Eve, The Village Council will be holding a special night of fun at the Community Center. We will have activities to entertain Port Graham's Rambunctious Young as well as any Rowdy Elder who choose to participate.



Below is a quick list of some of the activities planned for Monday, December 31, 2012

***(New Years Eve)***



**Airline Ticket Drawing!**



TIME	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS INVITED TO PARTAKE:
5:00 pm	Elder / Youth / Community Potluck	Everyone's invited (please bring a potluck dish)
6:30 pm	Ultimate Bingo Many, many Games Early Bird Window Drawings Many Winners Airline Ticket Drawing \$50/ticket Raffle Drawings	<b>ADULTS ONLY (19 and Up)</b> 
9:30 pm	Tribal Youth Program Games Card Games Board Games Crafts Pool Indoor Relay Races Root beer Floats Popcorn	Everyone's invited (please bring a fun Snack) 




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Port Graham, AK 99603

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[www.portgraham.net](http://www.portgraham.net)


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**PORT GRAHAM VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

- **Patrick Norman,**  
*First Chief*
- **Martin Norman,**  
*Second Chief*
- **Agnes Miller,**  
*Secretary*
- **Debbie McMullen,**  
*Treasurer*
- **Stella Meganack,**  
*Member*
- **Walter Meganack Jr.,**  
*Member*
- **Olga Fomin,**  
*Member*

With all this dry weather,  
Beware of 

**SPEED LIMIT**  
**15**

## KEEP IN MIND SPEED LIMITS

**The Speed Limit is 15 MPH on all roads (except for the back road starting from Wayne Norman's intersection to the first street light before Duncan Heights Subdivision which is 20 MPH.)**

**Seasonal safety speed is advised.**

**SPEED LIMIT**  
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