

Port Graham

Environmental News Letter



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Hello Paluwik,

Summer is upon us!

Thank you to everyone who helped clean our community, the smallest act of kindness to our environment can make a huge difference for our future. We had over 50 people come out and volunteer to pick up garbage around our village and a total of 67 bags of trash picked up.

On May 9th, 2015, the Kenai Peninsula Solid Waste Department removed our inert waste pile from the dump. An estimated 50 Tons will be transported out of our village.

We received our Calcium Chloride shipment and dispersed that on the roads to contain the dust, thank you to those who helped spread it around the community.

Our fish sampling event with Seldovia Village Tribe started on June 8th, thank you to those who will be our samplers, Dimitri Tanape and Lydia McMullen.

We would like to welcome Rick Yeaton as the new temporary environmental technician!

Environmental
Health Committee
Members:

Stella Meganack

Jennie Kamluck

Dannielle Malchoff

Melinda Kamluck

Harrietta McGhan

Lydia McMullen

Environmental Health Committee Meeting

On May 29, 2015 we planned for a meeting to discuss many topics, sadly we had to cancel and we will let all the Environmental Health Committee members know when we plan to have it. Everyone will receive a letter as well as a phone call so that they are aware of the schedule. We would like to thank all members for their patience, support and participation during this time.

- Quayana

May Village Clean Up

On behalf of the Port Graham Environmental staff, I would like to thank you for volunteering your time and effort in joining us on our annual clean-up day. We had a great number of people show up and all of the kids from the Port Graham School and Head Start joined us as well. We picked up 67 bags of trash that day and a total of 59 people at our lunch. I would like to thank a huge list of people for helping out during this event. Martin, Moose and Mike for being able to drive and pick up trash and also hauling vehicles and Hondas out of peoples yards. Mevlin Malchoff for cooking our hot dogs and hamburgers. Samantha McMullen, Vivian Malchoff, Rita Meganack, Stella Meganack, Deborah McMullen, Daryl Kreun, Dannielle Malchoff, and Melinda Kamluck for bringing food. Also, to those who helped in the kitchen before and afterwards, as well as the clean up crew who stayed after to help sweep, mop, and do dishes. To the school for letting the kids come out and clean our community and the teachers for participating in the event as well as the head start. Thank you to everyone including the volunteers who came out and helped. I am so glad we as a community can come together to take care of our village and environment. We achieved our goal of bringing people together for clean-up day and hope to do it again in the fall.



May Is Asthma Month

Asthma is one of the most common lifelong chronic diseases. There are 22.6 million Americans living with asthma, a disease affecting the lungs, causing repeated episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing. Although asthma cannot be cured, there are ways to control your attacks. When you control your asthma, you will breathe easier, be as active as you would like, sleep well, stay out of the hospital, and be free from coughing and wheezing.

Use your asthma medicine as prescribed and be aware of common triggers in the environment known to bring on asthma symptoms, including smoke (including second-hand and third-hand cigarette smoke), household pets, dust mites, and pollen. The most important thing to remember is that you CAN control you asthma.



Inert Waste Removal

On May 9th, 2015 the Kenai Peninsula Waste Borough came over and removed all of the Inert waste and most of the hazardous waste. They took out 7 dumpsters and one dump truck full of junk and the 3 vehicles that were brought over during clean-up day. The estimated amount of inert waste that was taken out was over 122 Tons. The company who came over to clean it out was Moore & Moore services Inc. from Homer, Alaska. We would like to thank them for coming out and removing everything for us.

Also, a big thank you to Lanie Hughes for coming over and looking through the Hazardous material to send over.

Please remember to roll up your rope correctly so its not jumbled, it makes it harder for the people to get it all together during the removal process.

Before:



After:



How Do You Separate Your Recyclables?

When separating your plastics please remember that only certain materials can be recycled. Here is a list of cans and #1 and 2 plastics that go in our bins.

#1 Plastics: PET(PETE)

Clear or green bottles and glossy or rigid containers that sink in the water.

Clear or green soda/water bottles.

Cooking oils bottles, peanut butter jars.

Salad dressing and other food and drink bottles or containers.



#2 Plastics: HDPE

Milky, solid colors and rigid containers.

Milk jugs and yogurt or margarine jars.

Detergent bottles, shampoo bottles and other household chemical bottles.

Please do not put glass in with the plastics. It makes it harder for us to separate everything with broken glass in the bags!



Lets Not Forget The Cans!

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What are the types of cans that we recycle?

Any aluminum or steel food beverage cans such as: Soft drinks, beer and juice cans; Tuna, bean and vegetable cans and also pet food cans.

Please empty and rinse out all cans and place the lid inside so they do not injure any collector.

No cans other than food or beverage containers

No automobile parts or household metal items such as pots and pans, aluminum siding, furniture or propane tanks.

Please don't completely remove can lids and do not crush the cans.

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we barrow it from our children"

-Native American Proverb



Why Should We Recycle?

Recycling is one of the best ways for you to have a positive impact on the world in which we live. It is important to both the natural environment and us. Waste has a huge negative impact on the natural environment. Such as: Harmful chemicals and gasses are released in landfill sites. Recycling helps to reduce the pollution caused by waste. Habitat destruction and global warming are some the affects caused by deforestation. It is also essential to cities around the world and to the people living in them. No space for waste, our landfill sites are filling up fast. Preserve natural resources for future generations. Recycling helps extend the life and usefulness of something that has already served its initial purpose by producing something that is useable. So please remember to recycle your cans, #1 and 2 plastics. Use paper bags or have your own to take to the store. The smallest things in life can make the biggest difference in our environment.

Some Eco-Friendly Summer Family Activities!

Not to sure what you are going to do for you summer fun? Why not try something new? Here are a list of fun activities you and your family can do.

Hike and Swim: Explore some new trails. Let the kids look in nooks and crannies and climb on the rocks. Take them to a place they have never been before.

Heliophilia:

Hit the Beach: Go down to the beach and let your kids play in the water. Go and explore the new creatures while the tide is out. Why not pick up some trash and find cool treasures?

(n.) Desire to stay in the sun; love of sun light.

Walk or Bike: Take the family and go on an adventure with your bikes. Maybe stop and walk around the fields out the road and look for some flowers.

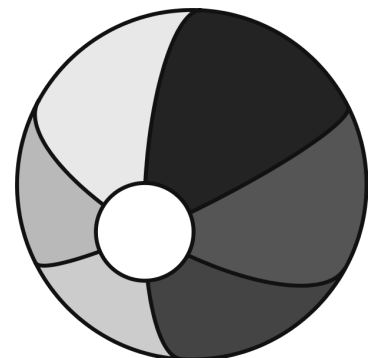


Boating: Take the boat out for a cruise. Pack some food, fishing rods and sleeping bags and stop at your favorite place. Let the kids check out the new beaches. Remember to wear your life jackets!



What ever you do, do not sit inside and waste a beautiful day playing video games. Go and play with friends, pick up a basketball, football or soccer ball and start a game. Who knows maybe the adult will want to play too!

Have a great and safe summer everyone!



Documenting Environmental Changes In Our Community

Over the summer we tend to go out and explore new places and see new things we've never seen before. If you happen to find a new bug, weird fish or even an odd bird, let us know. We would love to be able to put it on the LEO website for others to help us identify the findings. New things are always popping up unexpectedly and we need to make sure we don't pick up any invasive species land or aquatic that can possibly destroy our native animals and plants.



As we all know our climate is changing and so is our environment. If you notice something that could be an impact for our village or for everyone let us know. Documenting information about what's happening is always a great idea because it lets us know when something started to change and it allows us to figure out why it is doing that. As long as we document these things that are going on in our environment we can always try to make a difference and change it and hopefully even stop it. Contact us at 284-2227 if you find anything.



Seldovia Village Tribe Fish Sampling Event

On June 8th, Tracie Merrill from the Seldovia Village Tribe came over to assist our fish samplers and teach them how to use all of the equipment that will be used. We would like to thank Lydia McMullen and Demetri Tanape for taking their time to help us with these samples. By doing so, we will send the samples off to the Alaska Development Corporation for further testing. Being able to know what is going on with our salmon is very important, this will tell us if there is something effecting them as they head upstream to spawn and lay eggs. The samplers will be catching a total of 9 Sockeye Salmon and 10 Dolly Varden. Happy fishing and good luck on your catches!

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*Preserving the Village character,
maintain Village control, provide
opportunities to enhance the
quality of life in the Village, and to
protect the environment and
subsistence based culture.*



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Summer Word Scramble

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