

KALIKARPET

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JANUARY 2009

SPRAASNIKAM—SNUIKUUTEM

In Port Graham, all over Alaska and other communities around world with Russian Orthodox religion influences, the Julian calendar is still used for important celebrations and holidays. The Julian calendar is 13 days later than the Gregorian calendar that we use in our everyday lives. In history the Julian calendar was 11 minutes and 14 seconds longer than the solar year. By 1580 A.D. there were 10 extra days that accumulated, Pope Gregory from the church dropped 10 days from October 1580 to make the calendar year correspond more closely to the solar year. He also ordered that each fourth year would be a leap year adding an extra day in February.

Folks in Port Graham acknowledge the western holiday New Year which is celebrated on the 1st of January, but our real traditional celebration of New Years is on the 14th of January. To celebrate our Traditional New Years a play called Snuikuutem is performed.

Snuikuutem is Russian-Slavonic word which means "New Year". This traditional native play has been passed down from our ancestors from generation to generation. If you're in Port Graham during the New Years festivities you don't want to miss seeing the tradition that still lives here in Port Graham.



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PORT GRAHAM VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS

- *Patrick Norman,*
First Chief
- *Martin Norman,*
Second Chief
- *Agnes Miller,*
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- *Debbie McMullen,*
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- *Stella Meganack,*
Member
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

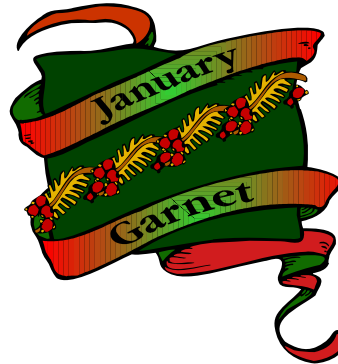
**Happy Birthday to everyone,
and many more years to our
Anniversary couples.**

Birthdays

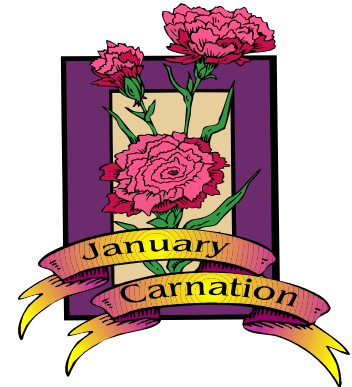
1—Jerry Hanson
 2—Wayne Norman
 3—Samantha McMullen
 3—Harrietta McGhan
 4—Pam Breedlove
 4—Charles Mumchuck
 4—Anesia Metcalf
 4—Seraphimia Ukatish
 5—Agnes Miller
 6—Anna Sue Ukatish
 7—Ephimia Wilson
 7—Alexander George
 8—Vanessa Norman
 14—Storman Norman
 15—Tatianna Active
 16—Mary Malchoff
 23—Gerry Robart
 28—Luba Anahonak
 28—Sharon Elvsas



January Birthstone:



January Flower:



ANNIVERSARIES

23—Tom and Feona Sawden
 26—Herman and Karen Moonin
 27—Cliff and Harrietta McGhan

Would you like to have you and your families birthday's or anniversary posted in the Kalikarpet? If so you can contact the Port Graham Village Council and leave your information with the receptionist we'd be happy to add you to our list(s).

If there is a mistake in your name or birth date, let us know so that we can make the changes needed.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS:

SPEED LIMIT

- 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 is 20 MPH.
- Pedestrians have the right of way!

PLEASE DO NOT DUMP YOUR KITCHEN GREASE DOWN THE SINK OR TOILET!

- Place old grease in a container with lid, write “old grease” on it.
- Take it to the dump when full.

Children Safety

Drivers please be aware of kids playing outside and sledding. By taking simple pre-cautions we can avoid accidents.

Example:

Slow down and look when coming to an area known to be popular of kid activities.



**U.S. POST OFFICE
HOURS OF OPERATION**

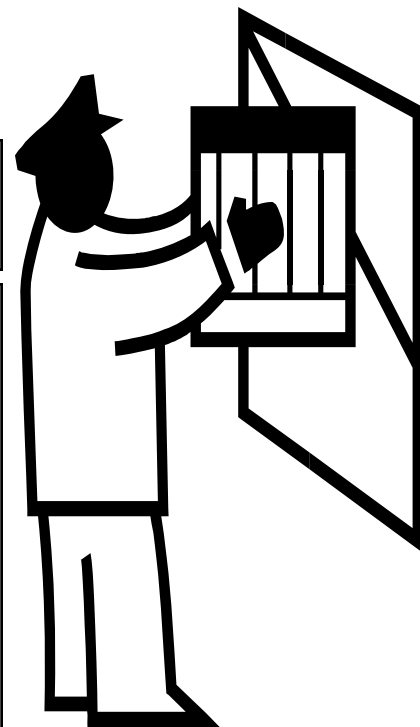
Monday Wednesday Friday

Mail OUT: 9:00am—10:45am

Mail Delivered 11:30—1:30

WEATHER PERMITTING

One of our staff announces “the mail is ready” on the C.B. when mail is ready to be picked up.



PORT GRAHAM VILLAGE
COUNCIL

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web at:
www.portgraham.org



LOCAL BOX HOLDER



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

The Port Graham Village Council will be closing their offices
for the observance of the following Holidays:

NEW YEARS - 1st

VLADIMIR DAY - 12th

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - 19th

**The Post Office will also observe New Years and Martin Lu-
ther King Day, but will be open on Vladimir Day.**