Village Council Annual Meeting

The Village Council’s Annual Meeting Port Graham Village Council held their 2016 Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2017.

There was quite a turnout of community members this year. Each of the Council’s employees gave or submitted a report on what activities were provided during this past year, and what is expected for 2017.

Four (4) council seats were open and were filled by the following returning council members:

Patrick Norman, as Chief
Stella Meganack, as a Member
Melinda Kamluck as a Member
Tania McMullen as a Member

During the Council’s Annual Meeting a great number of certificates were passed out to many deserving people. The Council places an encouraging emphasis on Port Graham’s Traditional Values and celebrates people, young and old, who are practicing them.

2016 Staff Recognition:
- Rick Yeaton & Danielle Malchoff

2016 Elders:
- Wayne Norman & Agnes Miller

2016 Subsistence:
- Vivian Malchoff

2016 Jr. Subsistence:
- James Cook

2016 Volunteer:
- Pamela Breedlove

Sobriety Recognition:
- Jim Miller
- Anesia Metcalf
- Walter Meganack Jr.
- Tom Yeaton

Congratulations Pam Breedlove

Congratulations Tom Yeaton!

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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:

LOYALTY
We are very proud of our very own Kenai BP Teacher of Excellence, Colby Way!

Heres some of what was said about him on the KPBSD internet site:

...Colby is one of two teachers at Port Graham School in a community of fewer than 200 people across Kachemak Bay...He teaches all subjects to a wide range of ages, grades five through Twelve. He's been a teacher for six years, five of which have been in Alaska. (two of which were right here in Port Graham; Thank you very much by the way)

...Colby says “Living and working in a rural Alaska community requires one to be involved outside the classroom. How the community perceives a teacher can be aided by just getting out and exploring.”

Colby and his wife attend community events, like potlucks, open gym, dances and meetings…. They hunt and fish, of course, always inviting other community members to join. He also coaches the school’s cross country running team.

...In the classroom, Colby uses the same charisma to teach a wide age-range of students. His fellow teacher says Colby is exceptional. “He can work with a senior on graduation, then turn around and help a sixth-grader with plotting points on a line.” Because Colby has to teach all subjects, again from basics to senior-level courses, he incorporates lots of fun into his teaching.

Principal, Nancy Kline said, “Colby Way is one of those teachers who is a sterling exemplar of both the art and skill of teaching. He is sensitive to every student’s needs as if the details of their education are essential for his masterpiece of who they are and can become. He is amazing amongst his fifth thru twelfth grade students, never missing a beat, always in action, as he assesses and meets everyone—small or tall—at their current level, sets a high bar, builds confidence, and moves them forward. Mr. Way challenges every student through highly intentional project based learning. An avid athlete, Mr Way astutely initiated the ‘just right’ sport for this small village: cross country running. To do this, he involved the entire community, enticing them into a running club to promote health, great relationships, and support for runners on the middle and high school teams. Port Graham is exceedingly fortunate to have Mr. Colby at the helm of their young adults’ education. His students will remember him always as the one who taught hem how to keep trying and to live generously.

Colby Way, 5-12 grade teacher
Port Graham K-12 School
PLEASE PAY YOUR WATER AND SEWER BILL TODAY

Dr. Hollander and the SCF Dental Team Will be in Port Graham June 5-9, 2017

Behavioral Health Information:
If you have questions or need to schedule an appointment with any of the Behavior Health providers, you can contact them at the PG Behavioral Health Office at 284-2261 or call the clinic receptionist.

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

Thank you!

12 Step Meeting Notices will be Posted at the Center, the Clinic and at each of the stores.

Please feel free to call the clinic for dates, times and locations of 12 STEP MEETINGS IN PORT GRAHAM!

Children will be seen First
**Weguat**  
(Goose Tongue)

**When to Gather:** April—July

**Collect:** Pinch or cut the large leaves of the goose tongue, leave the roots and smaller leaves of goose tongue for more growth.

**Clean:** Rinse the goose tongue leaves and trim root if there was any root picked. For best results: soak, rinse, soak rinse.

**Cook:** Boil or steam goose tongue leaves for 5 to 10 minutes. DO NOT ADD SALT!

**Preparing for freezer storage:** Blanch goose tongues in boiling water, drain, and immediately drop them in ice cold water to cool. When the goose tongue leaves are cool, drain them and place them in freezer bags. They can last a full year in a freezer. (They used to be preserved in seal oil in an animal stomach many years ago.)

**Medicinal Benefits:** Rich in Vitamin A and C, good source of fiber and iron. Anti-inflammatory and anti-microbial.

**Other ways to eat Weguat:**
- Can be used to boil with humpy as a salt alternative
- Sautéed with bacon or regular oil
- Pickled for winter use
- Toss with butter and balsamic vinegar when done boiling
- Roots can be used to make a tea

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2017 PGVC Annual Meeting

well deserving

Certificate Recipients:

James Cook — Jr. Subsistance
Walter Meganack Jr. — Sobriety
Jim Miller — Sobriety
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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
- Melinda Kamluck, Member
- Tania McMullen, Member

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