

**COMMUNITY
MEMO
DECEMBER 16, 2024**

Memo

Please note that this is the last
memo for 2024
The first memo of 2025 will run on
January 6th

Closures

Please note that the **all buildings on
Tribal Center** will be closed from
December 24, 2024 to
January 1, 2025
Normal business hours will resume
January 2nd.

**The Health Clinic will be OPEN, with
limited services December 27th
Urgent Care will be open the 28th.**

Upcoming Holiday Events

Elders' Christmas Party is
Today, DEcmeber 13th at 3pm in the
Tribal Gym

Community Christmas Party is
December 18th at 6pm in the Tribal
Gym

Community New Years Party is
December 31st at 8pm in the Tribal
Gym

Frequently Contacted Numbers

Billing Office: 360-297-6235

Career & Education: 360-297-6317

Community Outreach:
360-297-9678

Early Childhood: 360-297-6300

Elders': 360-297-9630

Enrollment: 360-297-6217

Front Desk: 360-297-2646

Health Services: 360-297-2840

Housing: 360-297-6350 Ext 5827

Natural Resources: 360-297-6284

Public Safety: 360-297-9666

Children and Family Services

Elder's Program

Meal Service

Elder's meals are available for pick-up only between 11:30am -12:30pm. We enjoy all the participants coming for the delicious meals prepared by staff but if you do not regularly participate in the lunch program, you need to call the kitchen at 360-297-9627 so we can plan accordingly.

Invite

We invite the Elders to a Prime Rib Lunch In!

Join us **December 18th** at 1pm in the Elders Center.

Chair Volleyball

We are still holding chair volleyball in in the Tribal Gym Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1pm

Survey

Be sure to complete the survey on Facebook and the PGST website asking for information about the 2025 Elders' Trip!

Family Assistance

The Port Gamble Site for EBT services will operate 5 days a week from 9am-11:45am and 1pm-3pm

Food Bank

When accessing the food bank please see anyone in the Children and Family Services building between 8:15am - 11:45am and 1:15pm- 4:15pm.

We will no longer be doing food deliveries for the food bank, the only exceptions for delivery include emergencies or if you are a home bound Elder. If you cannot come during business hours, please contact any CFS Staff and you can do a porch pick up at the food bank

Career & Edu.

PGST Enrolled High School Students, Class of 2025!
Now is the time to turn in your height, weight and School to Beth Swift - bswift@pgst.nsn.us.
PGST Parents of Enrolled students - Please reach out to Karleigh Gomez for availability for Senior Pictures!

Court

Survivor and Victim Services

If you feel unsafe and need help for yourself or someone one you care about as an advocate, we provide confidential help, safety planning, resources/referrals, education, and empowerment. Contact Teresa Swope at 360-297-5304 or via email at tswope@pgst.nsn.us

Early Childhood

Closure

The next ECEP in-service day (closure) is December 20th.

We wish you well during this holiday season.

Culture

The Culture Department is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich heritage and traditions of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

Health Services

Closure

The Health Clinic will be closed December 19th for their monthly training. December 27th open with limited services. Urgent care open December 28th.

CHR's:

Call 360-297-9633 to speak with a member of our team, we offer health transports and assistance with the pick/delivery of prescription delivery.

Dental and Medical Clinic:

Call 360-2970-2840 to schedule an appointment or speak to a receptionist.

Mental health support line: 988
Call or text 988 for 24/7 mental health emergency support. Press 4 for Native & Strong Lifeline

Public Health:

After hours Triage Nurse line 360-297-9613
Saturday Urgent Care Clinic hours are 9am to 5pm, closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm. If you are experiencing a medical emergency call 911

Natural Resources

The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe’s Natural Resources department is committed to sustainably managing, protecting, enhancing, conserving, and restoring culturally relevant species, landscaped, and seascapes integral to the unique identity of the S’Klallam People

Public Safety

As always we ask you to utilize the Kitsap 911 system for any law enforcement needs, we try to limit the amount of time officers are in the office. The 911 system is the quickest and most efficient way to contact your officers. The Kitsap 911 system handles both non-emergency and emergency calls.

S’Klallam Worship

- **Upcoming:**
 - o December 24, 2024 @6:30pm Candle Light Service
 - Sunday Service 10:00am
 - “Refiners Fire” Prayer Sundays 6:30pm
 - “Rooted” Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
 - “Guy Time” @6pm Tuesday, (First Tuesday of month)
 - “Girl Time” will be announced.
 - “Youth” Sundays @ 6:30pm
 - “Splendor” (Music w/ Children/Youth) 1x per month with Ruthy – Announced
 - Children~Come Forth
- Laughing:
- o Childcare Program Fridays – ELC’s monthly Friday closure
 - o We provide a safe, nurturing, faith-based environment that love and value children.
- Questions? Call (360) 271-8760.

Legal Department Changes

Effective, January 1, 2025, our long-time tribal member lead attorney, Gina Steiner will be retiring from the legal department as she has accepted a position as an administrative director, overseeing the Tribe's Court and Police department.

Gina will work alongside Destiny Oliver, and Tamara Gage, under Executive Director, Kelly Sullivan.

Gina moved to in-house general counsel from the Tribe's Children and Family Services attorney in 2007 after serving three years there, when her mentor and predecessor, Tallis King George left to work for the Puyallup Tribe. Then, Ron Charles was the Chair and Harry Fulton the Vice. Jeromy, Kelly and Betty also served on Council. Since Gina's time here, she's served with many council members like Lena Tunkura, Kari DeCoteau, Francine Swift, Marie Hebert, Jamie Aikman, Chad Sullivan, and many others. She was here when Dallas, Tallis, Laurie, Greg and Marilyn all worked here. The only remaining administrative employee from that era, besides Gina, is Alice Bundalian. (We have other long-term employees like Sue Hanna and Kay Jones and others).

When Gina first began her career here with the Tribe as a front desk receptionist around 1990, the Tribe only employed 80 or so employees. Since then, the Tribe has expanded its land base from 1,340 acres to 3,053 acres (1,707 reservation lands) and now has approximately 350 employees. In Gina's time, the Tribe moved from a small bingo hall to offering full gaming and built the Point Hotel. The Tribe destroyed the old Point no Point Treaty Council building, removed "the Dock" to build a large boat ramp, and legalized marijuana. The Tribe has grown and changed a lot since Gina first started here a front desk receptionist, and then 20 years as an attorney for the Tribe. We're confident she will continue to help the Tribe grow and succeed in her new role and we're happy she's remaining with the Tribe. Good luck, Gina!

We ask community and staff members to direct all legal questions to Steven Moe, interim Director of the legal department. Steve, along with David Robinson and Tashe Streun can help address the Tribe's legal needs. Gina will be focusing on her new role, and not available to address legal questions.

Library

Check it Out at the Little Boston Library

We are open 10 am to 6 pm Monday-Thursday, Fridays 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 2pm. Call 360-860-5080 to place a hold, make a curbside appointment, or speak to staff person.

The library will be closed December 24 & 25th.

Join Us @ the Library!

December 3 @ 1:00 pm -- Little Boston 1st Tuesdays Book Group

December 4 @ 10:00 am -- Little Boston 1st Wednesdays Book Group

December 4, 11, 18 @ 1:00 pm - Crafternoon

December 5, 12 @ 11:30 am -- Family Storytime

December 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 2:00 pm - Puzzle Club

December 6 @ 11:00 am - Little Explorers

December 11, 18 @ 3:30 pm -- Read to a Dog

December 16-21 @ 10:00 am - Take & Make: Noisemaker Craft

Reading Recommendations

Moon of the Turning Leaves by Waubgeshig Rice (Anishinaabe - Wasauksing First Nation): In this gripping stand-alone literary thriller set in the world of the award-winning post-apocalyptic novel **Moon of the Crusted Snow**, a scouting party led by Evan Whitesky ventures into unknown and dangerous territory to find a new home for their close-knit Northern Ontario Indigenous community more than a decade after a world-ending blackout. (Fiction • Book • 2024)

An Indigenous Present by Jeffrey Gibson (Choctaw/Chippewa): Renowned Indigenous artist Jeffrey Gibson gathers more than 60 contemporary artists - musicians, filmmakers, architects, writers, photographers and designers - in this landmark volume, showcasing diverse approaches to Indigenous concepts, forms and mediums. The artists highlighting this book present an increasingly visible and expanding field of Indigenous creative practice. (Nonfiction • Book • 2023)



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PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

Human Resources

Please see below on how to get in contact with HR. Contact between the hours of 8:00am-4:30pm. Mail can be dropped off at the Tribal Center in the Human Resources box.

Jennifer Wright-Tom, Administrative Assistant II

(360) 297-6258

(Contact with general HR questions and she will direct your call)

Audreena Tom, Recruiter

(360) 297-6218

(Contact with questions about job postings)

Current Job Openings:

1. Business Office Representative - Closes 12/31/2024
2. Children & Family Services Attorney/Policy Analyst - Closes 12/31/2024
3. Dentist - 24hrs Per Week - Open Until Filled
4. Early Childhood Classroom Assistant - On Call
5. Family Assistance Case Manager/Eligibility Specialist - Closes 01/01/2024
6. Grants Coordinator - Health Services - Closes 12/31/24
7. Mental Health Counselor - Open Until Filled
8. Public Safety officer I and II - Open Until Filled
9. Tribal Attorney at Law - Closes 12/31/2024

See our website at <https://www.pgst.nsn.us/employment> under Current Employment Opportunities for application instructions. Or scan the QR code!



APPLY TODAY!

Our doors are always open during normal business hours.
Please, stop by and get assistance with applications!



**PGST
COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

DECEMBER 18, 2024
PGST GYMNASIUM
6PM



NOW HIRING!

CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, December 13th, 2024



Front of House F&B:

Cafe Cashier: \$18+tips
 Host: \$18+tips
 Server: \$17.50=tips

Back of House F&B

DMO: 18

Hotel

Night Audit Associate: \$18.50
 Front Desk Associate: \$17.50

Gliding Eagle:

Cashier/Stocker: \$17.50

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For more details or to apply, scan the QR code above or visit www.noo-kayet.com
www.thepointcasinoandhotel.com or email mnichols@noo-kayet.com

Library Happenings in December



Adults

Little Boston Book Group

This month we will discuss Talking to Strangers by Malcolm Gladwell.
Tuesday, December 3, 1:00 p.m. & Wednesday, December 4, 10:00 a.m.

CrafterNoon

Meet and socialize with other community crafters. Bring along a project to work on and make new friends.

Wednesday, December 4, 11 & 18, 1:00-2:00 p.m.



Puzzle Club

Find your inner "piece" while solving jigsaw puzzles with other puzzle enthusiasts. No experience required.

Thursday, December 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Kids

Read to a Dog

Choose a story and read to a dog. Grades K-5
Wednesday, December 11 & 18, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Take & Make: Noisemaker Craft

Take home a fun craft kit containing everything you need to create your own noisemaker for the new year. Pick-up during open hours.

December 16-21. While supplies last.

Little Learners

Family Storytime

Stories, songs, rhymes, and full-body movement designed to build early literacy skills and encourage social and emotional development.

Thursday, December 5 & 12, 11:30 a.m. - noon



Little Explorers

Each month, little ones ages 3-5 will explore different STEM concepts (both indoors & outdoors) through hands-on activities alongside their caregiver.

Friday, December 6 11:00 a.m. - noon

**For more information
visit KRL.org/events**

KITSAP REGIONAL



Library



YOUNG ADULTS






Christmas Party

6:30PM



Thursday **19** December

Tribal Gym



Ages 18-30 welcome!
Young adults and
young adult mentors

FOOD! GAMES! PRIZES!





New Years Eve Party

DECEMBER

31

AT 8PM

PGST GYMNASIUM

BINGO, CRIBBAGE TOURNEY, BOUNCY HOUSES & MORE
