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PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

COMMUNITY MEMO – JANUARY 21, 2025

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

CURRENT NEWS & EVENTS

Tribal Council

in the large conference room, Tribal Center will be January 27th at 9:15am

Our Lives

In the coming months, there will be For Our Lives campaign material within the community. We are all a part of healing and facing the effects that opioids have in the community. This campaign seeks to increase awareness and build a support network to encourage healing and recovery. This campaign is dedicated to increasing education about responding to overdose, accessing treatment, supporting recovery, ensuring opioid safety, and facing stigma. Valarie Jones and Selina Ramirez are key contributors to this campaign, and we thank them for sharing their stories.

Open Contract Positions

PGST Community Clean Up Monitor:

Tribal Administration is looking to contract with 4 Tribal Members to help with Community Clean up events. Such as Spring Clean up/Fall Clean up, or large community event clean up. This person will be working with Tawny DeCoteau the Executive Assistant and in coordination with Tribal Utilities Department.

Compensation will be \$25/hour. If you would like to apply please submit a letter of interest to the front desk staff in the Tribal Center with Attn: to Tawny DeCoteau.

Deadline to submit letter of interest is January 24, 2025 at 4:30pm

Kitchen Manager Contract Position:

We are looking for a Tribal or Community member to work in cleaning and maintaining our Community Kitchen. Duties will look like cleaning appliances, keeping supplies and equipment organized, maintaining inventory, ensuring proper storage of food and condiments, keeping sanitary space, proper food storage, and inspections after rentals. Contract will be up to two years. Compensation will be \$25/hour. Please submit letter of interest to the front desk staff in the Tribal Center with Attn: to Tawny DeCoteau.

Deadline to submit letter of interest is January 24, 2025 at 4:30pm

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.

Chair Volleyball

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

Energy Logs

Elders we now have energy logs, come by the Elders Center or give us a call for further information!

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 360-297-6304 or via email at tswope@pgst.nsn.us

January is stalking awareness month. On January 11th, wear blue to raise awareness for Human Trafficking.

Culture

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

Health Services

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

Housing

Homebuyer and Financial Management Course : March 24 and 25 ; 5-7 pm.

Location TBD. This two-day course will go over the basics of financial management, credit, and debt. It will also cover information regarding the loan process for homebuyers.

Completing both days of this class will satisfy the Homebuyer Education requirements necessary for qualification of Housings Downpayment Assistance Program should you choose to apply for that in the future.

If you wish to sign up please leave your contact information with Stormy either via email stormy.purser@pgst.nsn.us or Phone (360) 297-6350 ext 0

Homeowner Assistance Fund:

Are you a PGST member who owns your home? You may qualify for Utilities and Mortgage assistance through the Homeowner Assistance Fund Program (HAF) through Housing.

These funds were appropriated to PGSHA by the Dept of Treasury to help keep people in their homes, and not lose their utilities such as power and water due to the financial burdens after Covid.

To see if you qualify please turn in a complete application for 2025 to Stormy either in person, by mail to 32000 Little Boston Rd NE, Kingston, WA 98346 or via email at stormy.purser@pgst.nsn.us

Apps are available in the Housing Authority lobby and on the Tribe's website under Entities > Housing Authority. Call the housing front desk line for any questions. (360) 297-6350 ext 0

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.

Notice of Exclusion: The following individual(s) have been excluded from the jurisdiction of the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe:

Gaven Pantalia

S’Klallam Worship

Upcoming:

- 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 Questions? Call (360) 271-8760.

Rave



Use the QR Code to sign up for community text/alerts from Rave

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.

Join Us @ the Library!

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 2:00 pm – Puzzle Club

January 7 @ 1:00 pm -- Little Boston 1st Tuesdays Book Group

January 8 @ 10:00 am -- Little Boston 1st Wednesdays Book Group

January 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 1:00 pm – Crafternoon

January 8, 15 @ 3:30 pm -- Read to a Dog

January 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 11:30 am -- Family Storytime

January 13-18 @ 10:00 am – Take & Make: Snowflake Suncatcher

Reading Recommendations

Medicine Walk by Richard Wagamese (Ojibwe): Sixteen-year-old Franklin Starlight's life of solitude in the wilderness comes to a halt when his ailing father, Eldon, summons him back to town. Despite his resentment for his father's many years of absence and neglect, Franklin grudgingly agrees to help carry out his father's final wish to be buried in the warrior way, deep in the rugged outback of British Columbia. The journey transforms both men as Eldon shares his life story, offering his son an inheritance he never could have imagined. (Fiction • Book • 2018)

Re-awakening Ancient Salish Sea Basketry: Fifty Years of Basketry Studies in Culture and Science by Ed Carriere (Suquamish) and Dale R. Croes: A collaboration between Carriere, Suquamish Elder and Master Basketmaker, and archaeologist Croes, this work traces the evolution of traditional basketmaking in the Pacific Northwest from thousands of years ago to contemporary times. Complete with descriptive photographs and diagrams, it offers a rich narrative of the technical complexity of basketry construction. (Nonfiction • Book • 2018)

Children and Family Services

On behalf of Children Family Services Department and the families we serve, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Treehouse foundation. For your incredibly generous donation of gifts to our children this past holiday season. Your kindness and commitment to giving has made a profound impact, brightening the lives of so many young ones during a time when they need it most.

Thanks to your support, our children experienced the joy and warmth of the season in ways that would not have been possible otherwise. The thoughtful and carefully selected gifts were a reflection of the care and attention you have shown. The smiles and excitement on the faces of the children were priceless, and we are deeply grateful for your generosity.

We would also like to thank the Kitsap Medical Society for their continued partnership and generosity. Their support has been vital to our efforts, and we are fortunate to work alongside such a compassionate group.

Lastly, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the anonymous tribal member who contributed. Your quiet generosity speaks volumes, and we are grateful for the way you've helped make the holiday season brighter for these children. Your gift may have been given in anonymity, but its impact will never go unnoticed.

Once again, thank you for making this Christmas so special for the children and families in our community. We look forward to continuing our work together and creating more moments of joy in the future.

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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. Dentist - 24hrs Per Week - Open Until Filled
2. Early Childhood Classroom Assistant - On Call
3. Energy Program Manager
4. Mental Health Counselor - Open Until Filled
5. Public Safety officer I and II - Open Until Filled
6. Grants Coordinator - Health Services
7. Accountant
8. Administrative Assistant - Health Services
9. Finance Manager - Health Services
10. Medical Assistant
11. Child Support Program Manager
12. Dental Hygienist
13. Early Childhood Preschool Class Assistant
14. Early Childhood Infant/Toddler Class Assistant
15. Early Childhood Infant/Toddler Rover

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!



NOW HIRING!

CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, January 17th, 2025



Front of House F&B:

Barback: \$17+tips
Bartender: \$17+tips
Cafe Cashier: \$18+tips
Cocktail Server: \$16.50+tips
Restaurant Server: \$17-\$17.50+tips

Back of House F&B:

Baker: \$22-24

Gaming Floor:

Table Games Dealer: \$15-16.50+tips
Security Officer: \$22

Gliding Eagle

Cashier/Stocker: \$17.50
Deli Attendant: \$18
On-Call Barista: \$17.50



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

****PGST Youth 16-18 years of age****

MOVEMENT

IS HEALTH



CANOE

IS CULTURE

WHEN: THURSDAYS 4:00-5:00 P.M. WITH TRAINER CURTIS WRIGHT
AND TUES. 7:00-8:00 A.M. WITH HANNAH, STARTING JAN. 9TH

WHERE: PGST HEALTH CENTER GYM

WHO: ANYONE INTERESTED IN GAINING A BETTER RANGE OF MOTION,
BUILDING GYM CONFIDENCE
AND/OR PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEYS

Canoe Fit Classes

NEED MORE INFO:
HANNAHJ@PGST.NSN.US

Prepare in a year!

One hour of disaster preparedness activity each month helps you be ready for disasters!

Activities to prepare you and your family for disasters:

- Make a communications plan
- Create an Action Plan
- Store Water
- Build grab and go kits
- Secure important documents
- be 2 weeks ready
- Learn fire safety
- Learn utility safety
- Store supplies under the beds
- Practice drop, cover and hold on
- Prepare to shelter in place
- Conduct a home hazard hunt

Stay informed with preparedness tips and emergency information:

Facebook: @washEMD

Twitter: @waEMD

website: www.DisasterReadyWashington.com





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**Special General
Council Meeting:**

**Natural
Resources**

Tuesday, January 28 at 5pm
ZOOM ONLY

Access meeting with

Meeting ID: 886 0471 3143

Passcode: 596803

This is the first Special General Council meeting of the year to help Tribal members better understand how the PGST Government and its departments operate.

**all Enrolled Tribal Members that zoom in will be entered in to a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 visa gift card.*



SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES

DO YOU HAVE AN ADULT OR TEENAGER WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WHO QUALIFIES FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BUT ALSO WANTS JOB SKILLS? ARE YOU WORRIED THEY WILL LOSE BENEFITS IF THEY GET A PART TIME JOB?



WE CAN HELP!!

**COME MEET WITH
DVR, DDA AND THE
SOCIAL SECURITY
BENEFITS
SPECIALISTS**

**LEARN HOW TO PROVIDE
A MORE FULFILLING LIFE
FOR YOUR SPECIAL
NEEDS FAMILY MEMBERS
WITHOUT LOSING
BENEFITS**

**QUESTIONS:
EMAIL
RFLORES@PGST.NSN.US
OR
LPURSER@PGST.NSN.US**

• you are •
CAPABLE

*Together
We Can!*

FEBRUARY 11TH AT 5:30PM IN THE TRIBAL KITCHEN



NOO-KAYET
INVESTMENTS

NATIVE PROSPERITY: FINANCIAL TOOLS FOR GROWTH & SUCCESS

REPRESENTATIVES AND RESOURCES FROM



**SMALL BUSINESS OWNER RESOURCE TABLES,
ENTREPRENEUR TESTIMONIES, DOOR PRIZES,
REFRESHMENTS & MORE!**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH 2025 5:30-8:30PM

LONGHOUSE, 31912 LITTLE BOSTON RD. NE KINGSTON, WA 98346





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'New Year'

January

—EVENT DETAILS—

Sunday

01/26/25

1-5pm

Monday

01/27/25

5-7:30pm

—EVENT LOCATION—

Cultural Resources Building

—CONTACT—

360-297-9656

Rbunich@pgst.nsn.us

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<https://pgst.nsn.us/cultural-resources/>



Beading Embroidery II

Ariana Griggs & Alicia Fulton

Join us for a follow up class and hands-on experience in beading embroidery techniques. A great class for beginners!

NOTES FROM THE CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Supplies Provided

Youth under 16 require adult participation
Please provide contact information on sign up



FOR OUR

LIVES **Acting now to end overdose**

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