



# COMMUNITY MEMO

## JANUARY 20, 2026

### 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: 360-297-2626

Health Services: 360-297-2840

Housing: 360-297-6350 Ext 5827

Natural Resources: 360-297-6294

Public Safety: 360-297-9666

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Culture Committee is looking for one Elder to be a committee member!

The Tribal Cultural Committee acts in an advisory capacity to staff and make recommendations to Tribal Council following naming policy guidelines, and aid in settling matters of cultural sensitivity, requests or other issues that may arise.

Culture Committee meets once a month on the third Wednesday from 12noon – 1:30 tentative. To learn more about this position and the by-laws, reach out to Cultural Director Laura Price [lives@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:lives@pgst.nsn.us).

Please submit your letter of interest form to Savannah Strickland at the PGST Tribal Center or to [savannahs@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:savannahs@pgst.nsn.us) by Wednesday, January 28th, 2025, at 4:30pm.

# CAREER & EDUCATION



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## Parent Volunteers

Are you interested in being a volunteer Bus Rider for our NKSD students? We have been having many issues on our bus routes lately, and many parents were willing to volunteer to ride the bus to help with safety and watching our students. Here at the Career and Education building we can help you fill out a volunteer packet form and we will return it to the district for you! If you have any questions, feel free to give any one of us a call. 360-297-6317.

## CDL License

Interested in obtaining your CDL License? Please call Sha'Ree Vebber for more information! PGST Members are fully funded for this class!

PGST Career and Education Contact Numbers:

Toni Jones- 360-297-6323

Sha'Ree Vebber-360-297-6316

Rachel & Eddie Flores- 360-297-6318

Sasheen DeCoteau &

Bethany Swift -

360-297-6343

Tito Cox- 360-297-6317

Lauren Moon-360-297-6322

Lexy Jones & Rafe Tom - 360-297-6321

Serene Williams – 360-297-6319

# COURT

## Survivor and Victim

### Services

If you feel unsafe and need help for yourself or someone 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](mailto:tswope@pgst.nsn.us)

# CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

## Family Assistance Program Happening

### TANF

Is always operating.

We now have two case managers to help assist tribal members who may qualify for the program, if you have questions please contact Sandra Horton. [shorton@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:shorton@pgst.nsn.us) or via phone or text at (564)245-0492

### Food Bank

The food bank is open from 8-11:45 and 1:15-4:00pm Monday through Friday, please come into the Children and Family Services Building and speak with Miranda at the front desk.

As a gentle reminder each family may use the food bank once a week and we ask you to wait in the lobby or in your car while a CFS Staff member assists.

## Office Hours

As a reminder that the CFS Office is Closed for Lunch daily from 11:45am to 1:15pm No staff will be there to offer assistance/benefits during that time.

### LIHEAP

is now open and accepting applications. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Current bill due, showing a balanced owed, income or statement of no income and a completed application can be sent to Jacob Sullivan at [jpsullivan@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:jpsullivan@pgst.nsn.us) or to Sandra Horton at [shorton@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:shorton@pgst.nsn.us). Any questions please contact Jacob at 360.297.9652 or Sandra at 360.297.9650 Applications are available in Children and Family Services.

# CFS CONT.

## 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.



# CULTURE

The Culture Department proudly celebrates the rich heritage of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe!

For the latest on our cultural events, check out our Tribal website at

<https://pgst.nsn.us/current-news-events/>

or follow us on Facebook at Port Gamble S'Klallams.

You can also sign up for community text alerts!

We love hearing from you! Feel free to visit the Cultural Office for updates or suggestions. You can also reach out to our team:

Rowan Bunich, Cultural Program

Assistant:

360-297-9656,

[rbunich@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:rbunich@pgst.nsn.us)

Alicia Fulton, Cultural Programs

Manager:

360-297-9657,

[aliciaf@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:aliciaf@pgst.nsn.us)



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# HEALTH

## **CHR's:**

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

# **ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment & Tribal Records

The Enrollment & Tribal Records department is committed to helping with the enrollment of members, family trees, ordering birth certificates, etc. as well as, maintaining tribal records and archives.

The Enrollment department can order birth certificates for those needing them to go through the enrollment process and administer DNA. You can also get a reimbursement for Washington State enhanced ID's.

Please reach out to Jordan DeCoteau if you have any questions or would like more information. You can reach her by email at [enrollment@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:enrollment@pgst.nsn.us) or phone at 360-297-6217.

# **HOUSING**

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Housing Authority is seeking interested individuals to submit a letter of interest for THREE positions on the Housing Board of Commissioners. All three positions expire February 2028. The letter must contain experience and other boards currently served on.

This is a 3-year appointment and requires monthly meeting attendance. Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month starting at 12:00 p.m. Board members are responsible for the fiscal oversight of Housings annual budget, policy approval, tenant appeal hearings, approval of the annual Indian Housing Plan and participating and providing direction for long term planning.

Board members need to familiarize themselves with NAHASDA Act of 1996, be willing to learn HUD regulations, have some financial experience and should be willing to travel for training and retreats with staff and or Tribal Council. Board members must be willing to adhere to the Tribal Council Policy Manual.

Submit letters of interest to Kara Horton, Executive Director, no later than January 20, 2026 by 4:30 p.m. by mail: 32000 Little Boston RD NE, Kingston, WA. 98346 or by email: [karah@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:karah@pgst.nsn.us)

## **Housing Office Hours for 2026**

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, and Friday 8  
am-430 PM daily lunch  
closure from 12-1.

Thursdays the office is  
open by appointment  
only.

## **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.



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## **TRIBAL COUNCIL**

When: Monday, January 26, 2026  
Where: Tribal Council Chambers  
Time: 9:15am

When: February 9, 2026  
Where: Tribal Council Chamber  
Time: 9:15am

Scan Me to be sent  
to the Tribal Council info.  
page on the PGST Website



### **Enrollment Application Deadline for Spring General Council**

The Spring General Council is fast approaching. For the Enrollment Department to process applications and get the enrollment ballot approved, the deadline to submit an enrollment applications is February 25th, 2026.

Please submit the enrollment application and all corresponding documents to the enrollment clerk, no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday, February 25th, 2026.

You can get an application from the clerk, on the website, or from the front desk.

# 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 closing at 5pm on Wednesday, Dec 31st and will be closed Thursday, January 1st in observance of the New Years holiday. We will also be closed Monday, January 19th in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

## Reading Recommendations

*Legendary Frybread Drive-In: Intertribal Stories by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Creek):Featuring the voices of both new and acclaimed Indigenous writers, and edited by bestselling Muscogee author Cynthia Leitich Smith, this collection of interconnected stories serves up laughter, love, Native pride, and the world's best frybread. (Fiction • Book • 2025)*

*My Heart Is Good: Treaty Rights and the Rise of a S'Klallam Fishing Community by Ron Charles (Port Gamble S'Klallam) & Josh Wisniewski: In recounting the life story of Port Gamble S'Klallam Elder and former Tribal Chairman Ron Charles, My Heart Is Good traces the historical arc of the Port Gamble S'Klallams from treaty signing to the landmark 1974 Boldt Decision affirming tribal fishing rights, the subsequent 1994 court decision affirming the tribes' shellfish harvesting treaty rights, and the growth of today's S'Klallam commercial fishing fleet. (Nonfiction • Book • 2025)*



# PGST DUMPSTER NOTICE |

## 2026 CHANGES

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Starting January 2026 we will open on-reservation dumpsters
- These will be open one weekend a month (Saturday-Sunday) 9am - 4pm or until filled
- Tribal members allowed 2 drop-offs per opening
- You will need to sign in upon drop-off
- Special Requests for additional drop-offs during an opening will be considered with advanced notice
- Located at the Utilities Complex



### DUMPSTER DATES

# 2026

9 am - 4pm or until filled



Jan  
10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

Feb  
14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Mar  
14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Apr  
11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

May  
9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

June  
13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

July  
11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Aug  
8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Sept  
12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

Oct  
10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

Nov  
14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Dec  
12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

**CONTACT TRIBAL CENTER  
FRONT DESK IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

360-297-2646  
pgst.nsn.us

### REMINDER

***THIS WILL TAKE PLACE OF THE  
MONTHLY DUMP VOUCHERS &  
THE SPRING/FALL CLEANUP***

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

# NURSE TRIAGE



Call 360-297-9613 for non-emergency  
guidance and support

- **Feeling "Not Quite Right":** Mild fever, mild vomiting/diarrhea, cough, stuffy nose, minor rashes, or general malaise.
- **Symptom Assessment:** To determine whether your symptoms (such as a headache, UTI, or minor injury) require an ER, urgent care, or a primary care doctor's appointment.
- **Chronic Condition Advice:** Questions about managing diabetes, blood pressure, or other ongoing issues.
- **Medication Refills**
- **Mental Health Support and Substance Use:** When you're experiencing depression, anxiety, relapse, loss of control, or feel that you're ready for treatment.

**LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH YOUR NAME, NUMBER, AND  
INFORMATION RELATED TO YOUR CONCERN, AND WE  
WILL RESPOND WITHIN 1 HOUR**

**Available Monday-Friday, 4:30 PM-8:00 PM  
Saturday & Sunday, 8:00 AM-8:00 PM**

# Stalking is not a joke

- Did you know about 13.5 million people are stalked in the United States in one year?
- More than half of all victims of talking said they were stalked before the age of 25.
- 2 in 3 stalkers pursue their victims at least once per week, mainly daily, using more than one method.
- Weapons are used to harm or threaten victims in 1 out of 5 cases.
- Almost 1 in 3 stalkers have stalked before.
- Intimate partner stalkers are the most likely stalkers to approach, threaten, and harm their victims.
- 46% of stalking victims fear not knowing what will happen next.
- Stalking victims suffer much higher rates of depression, anxiety, insomnia and social dysfunction than people in the greater population.

**January is Stalking Awareness Month**

**Jan. 18th is the day of action- wear something sparkly speaking out against stalking.**

**#SparkleAgainstStalking**



Facebook: Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Victim services



Tik Tok: @pgst.victim.services

# Library Happenings in January

## Adults

### **Little Boston Book Group**

This month we will discuss "The Exceptions by Kate Zernike.

**Tuesday, January 6, 1:00 p.m. &**

**Wednesday, January 7, 10:00 a.m.**

### **CrafterNoon**

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

**Wednesday, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

### **Puzzle Club**

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

**Thursday, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

### **Maker Monday**

Make festive paper garlands using old books, paper, and the library's sewing machines.

**Monday, January 26, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

## Kids

### **Read to a Dog**

Choose a story and read to a dog. Grades K-5.

**Wednesday, January 14 & 21, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

## Little Learners

### **Family Storytime & Play**

Stories, songs, rhymes, and full-body movement designed to build early literacy skills and encourage social and emotional development (Note our new time).

**Thursday, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**



# BECOME A BIKE

TEENS BIKING TO DESTINATIONS

# OWNER

For Free!

Frequently asked questions



Register Here



6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

Get to know a bike! Learn basic bike maintenance, gain more confidence riding a bike, take group rides and have fun.

NO BIKE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Complete the program (all 7 days) and you receive a NEW BIKE, lock, helmet and bike light!!

Lunch and Snacks provided

APRIL 2 - 3 & 6 - 10<sup>TH</sup>

10 AM - 2 PM @ THE TRIBAL CENTER



Questions? (360) 297-6317



# Firestarters

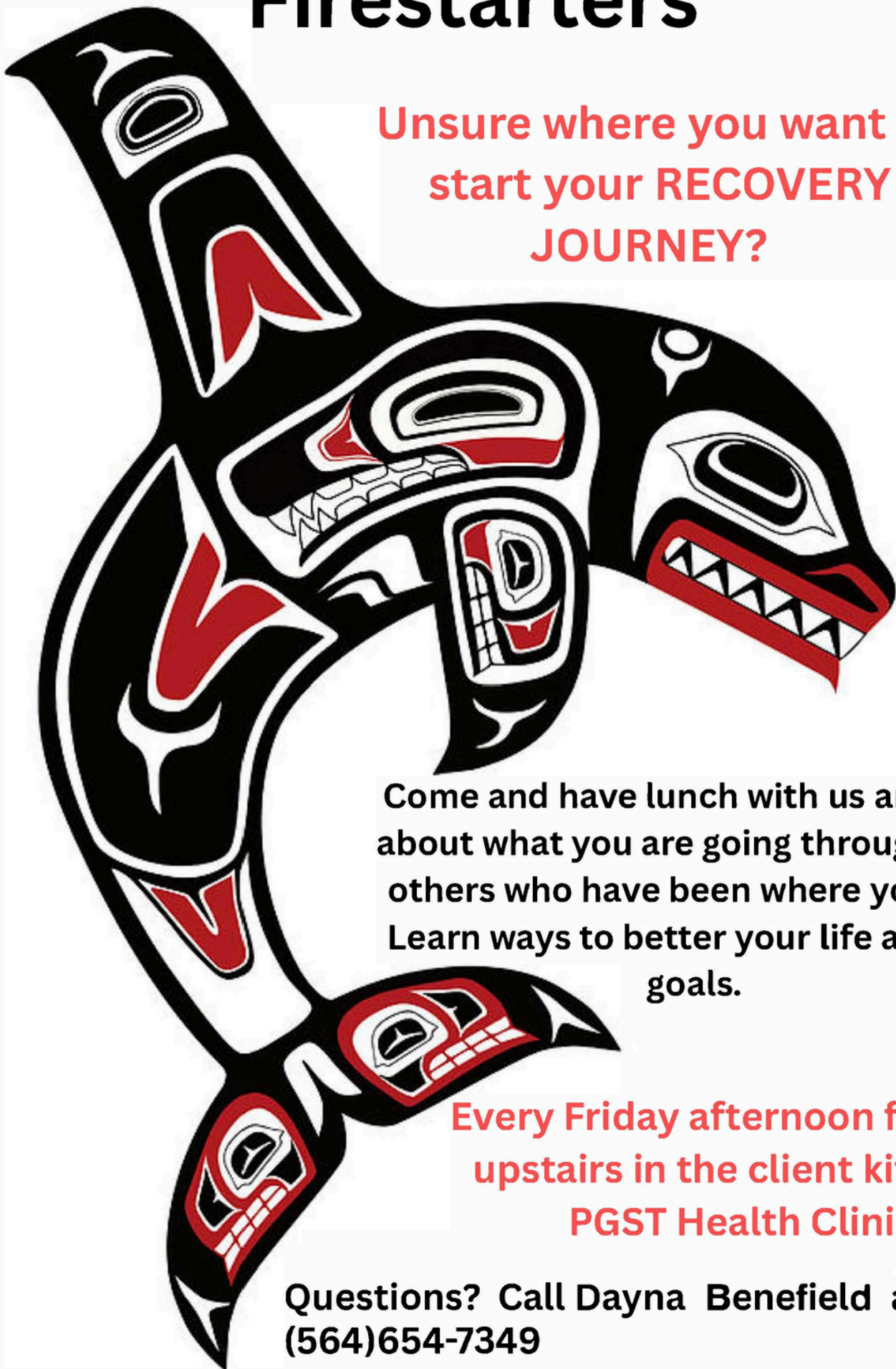
Unsure where you want to  
start your RECOVERY  
JOURNEY?

Come and have lunch with us and talk  
about what you are going through with  
others who have been where you are.  
Learn ways to better your life and set  
goals.

Every Friday afternoon from 1-3  
upstairs in the client kitchen.  
PGST Health Clinic

Questions? Call Dayna Benefield at  
(564)654-7349

**Everyones Journey is Unique.**



# JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

Together, we can build stronger connections in our families, workplaces, and communities and build a future free from human trafficking. Explore resources, events, and ways to get involved: [acf.gov/otip/HTPM](https://acf.gov/otip/HTPM)  
#Partner2Prevent #EndTrafficking

**#WearBlueDay is Sunday  
January 11th. Wear blue to  
raise awareness and show  
solidarity against human  
trafficking**

Teresa  
(360)621-0090  
Holly  
(360)731-2740

