



# COMMUNITY MEMO

## FEBRUARY 2, 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

Community Notice:  
The dumpsters are  
scheduled to be here  
on  
Saturday, February 1  
and  
Sunday, February 15.

The dumpsters will  
only be open from  
9am to 4pm or until  
they are completely  
filled.

TRIBAL ELDERS – DUMP  
ASSISTANCE NOTICE  
If you are a tribal elder and  
need help with bringing  
loads to the upcoming  
monthly dumpsters  
February 14th & 15th, Call  
the tribal center's front  
desk, 360-297-2646, to be  
put on a list by February  
11th.

# CAREER & EDUCATION

## 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

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Career & Education Department is now accepting proposals for a Language Consultant to support our language revitalization grant work.

This opportunity will help guide curriculum development, community engagement, and culturally grounded language programming.

Please see the PGST website for full RFP details, scope of work, and submission deadlines.

# 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 360-297-2840 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.

## **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.

## **HOUSING**

### **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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**PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE**

**Seeking Contractor**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL**

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is seeking a Contract News and Archives Reporter to help document significant PGST events and capture stories that highlight our people, culture, sports, and community throughout the year.

When: Monday, February 9, 2026

Where: Tribal Council Chambers

Time: 9:15am

When: February 23, 2026

Where: Tribal Council Chamber

Time: 9:15am

- Responsibilities
- Attend and record PGST events, including evenings and weekends.
- Conduct interviews and capture video, photos, and audio.
- Edit video and photography content using professional software.
- Develop written summaries and articles for PGST publications.
- Prepare archival-ready documentation for long-term Tribal records.
- Travel locally to event locations as needed.

- Qualifications
- Must be a member of or from the PGST Community.
- Prior experience in:
  - Videography, Photography, Interviewing
  - Video editing
  - Proficiency in recording and editing software.
- Ability to work independently, reliably, and with cultural sensitivity.

Compensation  
Rate of pay will be negotiated upon selection.

To Apply  
Please submit a letter of interest and resume by FEBRUARY 13, 2026 to:  
Kat Perry — [katp@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:katp@pgst.nsn.us)  
For questions, contact Kat at 360-297-2646.

**Spring General Council**

When: Saturday -March 28, 2026

Time: 9:00am

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



# 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 Monday, February 19th in observance of the President's Day holiday.

Magazines available for check out at the library:

The New Yorker

Recent issue articles include:

- Bright Lights, Big City: a new museum in Harlem show that Black art matters
- Lounge Wars: At the airport, what's the difference between the concourse and an airport lounge.

Motor Trend Magazine

Winter magazine articles consist of 2025 awards:

- SUV of the Year: Lincoln Nautilus
- Car of the Year: Mercedes-Benz E-Class
- Truck of the Year: Ram 1500 4x4

Warlock

Cook's Illustrated

Yummy articles include:

- Breakfast on the Go
- Shanghai's Favorite Dumplings
- Stuffed Shells for Veggie Lovers
- Rib-Sticking Squash Soup

Reading Recommendations

The Door on the Sea by Russell Caskey (Tlingit): When Elān traps a salmon-stealing raven in his cupboard, he never expected it would lead to a quest to save his own people from an incoming threat from shapeshifting creatures. He captains a canoe crewed by an unlikely team including a human bear-cousin, a massive wolf, and the endlessly vulgar raven. Together, they face stormy seas, cannibal giants and a changing world. Elān is a storyteller, not a warrior, but he must choose his role in his own epic story. (Fiction · Book · 2025)

Fighting for the Puyallup Tribe: A Memoir by Ramona Bennett Bill (Puyallup): A relentless advocate for Native rights, Ramona Bennett Bill shares many of her experiences, including the Fish Wars of the 1960s and 1970s, and her 10 years as Chairwoman, organizing social welfare, education, and enrollment initiatives, and championing Native religious freedom. The book is full of vivid stories of her fearless testimony in courtrooms, and of the many friends and comrades she made along the way. (Nonfiction · Book · 2025)



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# OPEN POSITIONS

## 02/02/26

MEDICAL  
ASSISTANT-  
TUES-SAT

TEMPORARY- ACCTS  
RECEIVABLE  
G&C COLLECTION  
SPECIALIST

MENTAL HEALTH  
COUNSELOR

PUBLIC SAFETY  
OFFICER I & II

TRIBAL CUSTODIAN  
ON-CALL

EC CLASSROOM  
ASSISTANT ON-  
CALL

TO APPLY SCAN THE QR CODE OR SEE OUR WEBSITE AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.PGST.NSN.US/EMPLOYMENT.](https://www.pgst.nsn.us/employment)



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]



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# 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***

# Library Happenings in February

## Adults

### **Little Boston Book Group**

This month we will discuss "The Emperor of Gladness" by Ocean Vuong

**Tuesday, February 3, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. &**

**Wednesday, February 4, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

### **CrafterNoon**

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

**Wednesday, February 4, 11, 18 & 25, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

### **Puzzle Club**

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

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

### **Great Backyard Bird Count**

Stop by to grab information about the bird count. Enjoy simple crafts, and participate in this global community event.

**Friday-Monday, February 13-16**

### **Maker Monday**

Drop in and get your creativity flowing as you make the monthly planned craft.

**Monday, February 23, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

## Kids

### **Read to a Dog**

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

**Wednesday, February 11 & 18, 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, February 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**





—EVENT DATE—

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'Short Month'

February 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

—EVENT DETAILS—

Thursday

02/05/2026

11-5pm

Friday

02/06/2026

11-5pm

—EVENT LOCATION—

Cultural Resources Building

—CONTACT—

Sign up with Rowan  
call or text 360-731-4324

or email rbunich@pgst.nsn.us

Or come by the Cultural Resource

Office and say ʔáykw'aʔčiy!

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



## Cedar Bark Preparation Workshops

Join us for a special cultural opportunity designed for tribal members to learn how to prepare cedar bark for weaving projects.

Come learn or share techniques for stripping, thinning, and bundling your cedar bark for future weaving projects.

### NOTES FROM THE CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Bringing your own cedar is requested, as limited supplies are available to practice on.

We will provide the tools.

This session is open to Tribal Community Members.

\*Youth under 16 require adult participation\*

\*Please provide contact information on sign up\*

Special Note: Cedar harvesting dates will be offered this Spring! Stay posted.

# FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

This years theme is Real Love Respects

This year's theme cuts through the noise by focusing on what real love should look and feel like. In a world full of mixed messages, this theme centers around one truth: respect is non-negotiable. It empowers youth to recognize harmful patterns early and to expect more from love. Because respect is everything, it's earned, it's honest, and it never makes you question your worth.

Remember: If it's real, it's respectful.  
From Love is Respect



# 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





# WE NEED YOU



## CARE GIVERS WANTED

<https://www.consumerdirectwa.com/careers/>

### REQUIREMENTS

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Pass background check and exclusion checks
- Do not currently, nor will in the future, require sponsorship
- Lawfully authorized to work in the U.S.
- Complete training requirements
- Valid U.S. driver's license and auto insurance if authorized to provide transportation to Client
- Ability to handle the physical aspects of the work including assistance with weight-bearing activities



With CDWA you will have the opportunity for:

- Paid Training
- PTO accrued at 1 hour per 23 hours worked
- Medical, Dental and Vision through SEIU 775
- Flexible Scheduling (Part-Time & Full-Time)
- SEIU 775 Union Representation
- Free access to Carina.org to find local clients
- Starting pay: \$22.63–\$26.22/hour

For more information about applying call

Leslie Purser at  
360-297-9600 or  
360-731-0637





# *Contract Cook Needed*

Spring General Council is on March 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a cook to prepare breakfast for the meeting.

Compensation is \$1000.

If you are interested please contact

Andrea Murphy @

[Amurphy@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:Amurphy@pgst.nsn.us) or

360-297-6209 x5504

Please include 2-3 menu options.

Please respond by March 2, 2026

\*PGST Tribal Members will be given  
priority\*